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## Help end Israeli aggression against Al Aqsa: Amir

KUWAIT, Oct. 20, (Agencies): HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, has appealed to the world community and international organisations to help put an end to what he described as Israeli aggression against the sacred Al Aqsa mosque in occupied Jerusalem.

"We followed with deep concern the provocative attempts by the Zionist regime to lay the foundation stone of what it called the renovation of the Mountain Temple near Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem," the Amir said.

"This incident, which shakes the sentiment of Muslims, is a flagrant defiance to Islam and Islamic belief," said the Amir, in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

"We, on behalf of the OIC which represents our Islamic world, appeal to the world community and international organisations, foremost of which is the United Nations, to halt this aggression."

"Such a dangerous precedent will make aggression against the Islamic shrines a normal matter at a time when all countries have agreed to respect them," he added.

"This serious aggression against Al Aqsa mosque, with its sacred status to all Muslims, would have serious repercussions on the entire situation in the Arab and Islamic world at a time when all efforts are focused on dealing with the explosive situation in the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories," to create an atmosphere conducive to realisation of peace and security in the area, based on international principles guaranteeing the Palestinian people's lawful rights of statehood.

Kuwait hosted the fifth Islamic summit conference in January 1987.

### Wash fruits Cholera cases: 86

UNTIL last week, a total of 86 cases of cholera have been discovered and 106 cases of acute dysentery (naj) according to reliable sources at the Ministry of Public Health.

However, the sources hastened to clarify that this level of infections poses no serious problems and is not to be construed as a cholera epidemic. Consequently, there are no moves to initiate anti-cholera vaccinations.

The increase in the number of cholera cases and dysentery are attributed to the large number of passengers returning to Kuwait after their summer holidays. The sources pointed out that the dysentery infection is similar to cholera and both the diseases are basically caused by eating contaminated food.

The sources recommended that all fruits and vegetables should be thoroughly washed, prior to being consumed.

## Vow to halt corruption

### Indian opposition releases manifesto

NEW DELHI, Oct. 20, (AP): Opposition parties trying to unseat Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in next month's elections vowed today to punish recipients of alleged kickbacks, to ease poverty and to draw up a co-ordinated defence policy.

Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Rajiv's chief rival and a senior leader of the National Front, waved a copy of the coalition's platform at a crowded news conference and pledged to restore "national dignity."

The 40-page manifesto, or platform, offers few radical departures from India's present stated policies. In many respects, it is reminiscent of the pledges made by Rajiv five years ago when his Congress Party was re-elected in a landslide after the assassination of his mother, prime minister Indira Gandhi.

Elections are scheduled for Nov 22, 24 and 26 to choose a new lower house of Parliament, the country's policy-making body.



Members of the public view pictures of the ruling Congress inside party headquarters yesterday. The pictures feature Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and his mother Indira. (Reuters wirephoto)

The National Front manifesto's sharpest words were targeted at corruption, an issue that is a keystone of Singh's campaign to succeed Rajiv as leader of the world's largest, albeit unruly, democracy of 880 million people.

Singh, a one-time Rajiv ally and former member of the Congress Party, echoed the platform's call to get the bottom of the Bofors arms scandal, in which the Swedish manufacturer is accused of paying as much as \$50 million in kickbacks to clinch a \$1.4 billion contract with the Rajiv government.

"The funds will be restored to the nation and the guilty punished," the balding, 58-year-old Singh said.

Singh was Rajiv's Defence Minister when the Bofors contract was signed in 1986, but he later resigned over what he called official reluctance to investigate newspaper allegations that powerful Indians received payoffs from Bofors.

Rajiv has repeatedly denied that he himself profited from the deal or that any Indians received payoffs or commissions. But the allegations have dogged him for the past two and one-half years.

The National Front seeks to forge a broad base of opposition leaders ranging from communists to right-wing Hindu religious groups. Singh, who is president of the Janata Dal, has planted himself solidly in the secular centre.

Maintaining this fragile unity, as well as placating the egos of more charismatic and dynamic politicians in the coalition, is at the crux of Singh's task.

There has been no authoritative poll in the past two months, but the consensus of analysts and observers is that Rajiv and the Congress Party face a tough challenge — if the opposition hangs together and agrees to field a single congressional candidate in most or all of the 542 constituencies.

The National Front manifesto vows not only to root out corruption but to streamline India's crippling labyrinth of bureaucracy — challenges that predate the country's independence from Britain in 1947.

The Congress Party has not yet unveiled its platform.

Sweden has refused an Indian government request to hand over secret parts of a National Audit Bureau report on alleged kickbacks surrounding a \$1.3 billion arms deal between arms manufacturer Bofors and the Indian Army.

## Ozal loses first round

### Assured of victory in third

ANKARA, Oct. 20, (Reuters): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, defying an opposition boycott, was firmly on course for the presidency today despite missing outright victory in first round voting.

Deputies from the two parliamentary opposition parties sat outside the half-empty chamber where the vote was held, accusing Ozal of ignoring public opinion to run through his candidacy for what the constitution stipulates should be a non-partisan post.

Ozal also faces opposition within his own Motherland Party. Former tourism minister Tinnaz Tinnaz became the fourth deputy from the party to resign in two days in protest at the election.

"I am against the election of a president in the absence of the opposition. From now on, as an independent deputy, I will work for early general elections," Tinnaz told reporters.

But 247 votes of 285 cast went to Ozal, the most controversial presidential candidate since the Turkish republic was founded from the ashes of Ottoman empire in 1923.

Candidates need 300 votes from the 450-seat Parliament — a two-thirds majority — to win in the first or second round but Ozal appeared assured of victory in the third round of voting on Oct 31 when only a simple majority is needed.

Ozal's opponent, Motherland Deputy Fehi Celikbas, won only 18 votes. It was not clear whether he would enter the second round on Tuesday.

## 17 die in plane crash

### Cargo bound for Armenia

MOSCOW, Oct. 20, (AP): A cargo plane carrying supplies to rebuild earthquake-ravaged northern Armenia crashed early today, killing all 17 people aboard, an official newspaper reported.

The crash near the airport in Leninakan, Armenia, was the second air accident in the Caucasus region this week and recalled a similar incident in the same area just after December's quake.

The newspaper Izvestia said an Ilyushin-76 on its way to the Leninakan airport slammed into a mountain 18 kilometres (11 miles) away. On board were seven crew members, seven passengers and three pilot-trainees and construction equipment destined for the earthquake zone, it said.

Leninakan is in the heart of the area devastated by the Dec. 7 earthquake, which killed some 25,000 people.

Four days after the quake, an Il-76 carrying Soviet soldiers to help rescue quake victims plunged to the ground near Leninakan's airport, killing all 78 people on board.



Houses in the city of DeLong were destroyed during a series of powerful earthquakes in northern China. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Quakes rattle China

### California toll may drop

BEIJING, Oct. 20, (Agencies): Some 50,000 peasants left homeless by earthquakes prepared today to spend a second night outdoors on the windy north China plain as government food aid slowly trickled in.

No new deaths were reported today, leaving the toll at 29 killed and more than 150 injured in the tremors that hit the rural areas this week.

Many peasants said they survived because the first quake on Wednesday night woke them up and sent them outdoors. A stronger quake early yesterday brought their homes down.

Two more strong aftershocks were felt this morning.

"This was the worst quake we've ever had," Liu Rongzhen, a peasant in Xicaitian village in Shanxi province, told a Western reporter. About half the 230 mud and wattle houses in the village sustained varying degrees of damage.

All the homes were destroyed in nearby Buzun, a village of 1,280 people. Two villagers were killed — a man and his elderly mother, who he was trying to carry to safety.

The survivors rigged tents of quilts and straw and built small fires last night, and prepared today to do the same.

Temperatures in Beijing, 220 kilometres (135 miles) to the east, have been dipping below five degrees C (40°F) at night with a chill wind.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs, in charge of emergency rescue, refused today to answer questions and referred callers to the international department of the ministry of foreign economic relations and trade.

There, an official who gave his name only as Xu, said 11,000 homes had been destroyed in Shanxi and Hebei provinces, and 50,000 people were homeless.

"We just hope that the earthquakes stop," Liu said.

He said he lost his home and most of his possessions, worth a total of 3,000 yuan (about \$800). He said it would not be possible to rebuild their homes before winter sets in, and that they had no idea what they would do for shelter.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the northern California earthquake could be dramatically lower than initial estimates of 270, rescue officials said today. As more aftershocks rocked the stricken area, it's looking much better than we feared," said one worker helping tunnel into a huge mass of concrete that buried dozens of vehicles when Tuesday's earthquake brought down more than a mile (1.6 km) of the two-lane interstate 880 highway in Oakland.

Initial estimates placed the death toll at about 270 from the deadliest earthquake to hit the United States since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake that killed 452 people.

The estimate for Tuesday's quake was lowered today to less than 120.

"We are feeling a little optimistic that there were not 250 people killed as we greatly feared along this highway," said Oakland fire battalion chief Neil Honeycutt.

Lisa Covington, acting spokeswoman for rescue efforts, said the death toll "might end up being less than 120 people."

No Kuwaiti students living in the San Francisco Bay area have been seriously affected by the earthquake, the cultural division confirmed.

The majority of the students have been reached by telephone and have assured the cultural division of their safety and well being, cultural counsel Dr Ali Al Tarrah told Kuna.

A "miracle" man said to have survived the collapse of an upper tier road in the San Francisco earthquake was dead when reached by rescue workers, operation officials said.

A sharp tremor shook the Alban hills south of Rome early today, damaging walls in some buildings and setting off panic, officials said.



Taste of own medicine

Colombian secret service police assist an alleged terrorist gravely injured by an explosive he was carrying. The explosion occurred in front of the Congress where constitutional reforms were being debated. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mullahs protest

### Women in S. Asian games

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 20, (Reuters): The South Asian Games opened in Islamabad today as conservative Muslim clergy protested at the prospect of Pakistani women competing in public.

PFI news agency said mullahs at mosques in Islamabad and nearby Rawalpindi denounced it as "un-Islamic" to allow men to watch women's sports events or to screen them on television.

They called on the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, the first woman leader of a Muslim nation in modern times, to prevent men watching Pakistani sportswomen. A small demonstration was held in Lahore yesterday.

Women are competing in a public sports competition for the first time in at least a decade in Pakistan. It was banned under the conservative military president Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The Pakistani women, competing in athletics and table tennis, are expected to wear trackuits or clothes which conceal most of the body.

Conservative Muslims say women should not expose any part of their body to men they are not closely related to. In Pakistan many women appear in public only in the head-to-toe veil while almost all cover their hair with a headscarf.

When the interviewer asked Yeltsin to describe the threats against him, Yeltsin replied: "It's nothing confirmed, much threatened to harm him with the electronic device he referred to."

"He simply said, 'You're in a crowd. Someone comes up and presses against you, give you 11 Herz frequency. At that frequency the heart stops. If there is no first aid person to help you, then that's it,'" Shroeder quoted Yeltsin as saying.

Thousands of Muscovites demonstrated on Gorky street to show their support for Yeltsin.

### NEWSWATON

#### Satanic ritual

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20, (AP): A man described as having an unlikable feline pleaded guilty to kidnapping a Bible student in a nine-hour ordeal in which prosecutors said he tried to cut off her feet and eat her flesh during a satanic ritual.

John William Doughty, 38, entered his plea yesterday as his trial was about to begin and after prosecutors agreed to drop charges of attempted murder and first-degree assault.

#### Sexual misconduct

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, (AP): US Congressman Barney Frank today denied a published report that he engaged in sexual misconduct in the House of Representatives gym and predicted that any Ethics Committee investigation of the allegation would support him.

The Washington Times newspaper reported in today's editions that the Ethics Committee has evidence of sexual misconduct by Frank and several other members in the gym, in the sub-basement of the Rayburn House office building.

#### Soviet border

MOSCOW, Oct. 20, (Reuters): The head of the KGB State Security Organisation said the Soviet Union should reduce its restricted border zones tenfold and cut down the barbed wire along stretches of its frontier, the official Tass news agency said today.

KGB head Vladimir Kryuchkov and his deputy Vadim Matrosov told the Soviet parliament's defence committee it was time to reduce the special border zones, currently 3.6 million square km (1.4 million square miles), by 90 percent, Tass said.

#### Actor Quayle dies

LONDON, Oct. 20, (Reuters): British actor Sir Anthony Quayle died today after a short illness, his agent said. He was 76.

Quayle first appeared on stage in 1951 and his many films included Lawrence of Arabia, Anne of a Thousand Days, The Eagle Has Landed and Ice Cold in Alex.

Agent Laurence Evans said in a statement that the burly actor had died peacefully at home.

#### Norway's envoy

OSLO, Oct. 20, (AP): Former Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg was appointed today Norway's ambassador to the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry announced.

#### Tower of Pisa

ROME, Oct. 20, (Reuters): Italy said it closed the Leaning Tower of Pisa because it is a danger to tourists, government-appointed experts said today.



## INTERNATIONAL



Work of art

Sangeeta Sharma (21) shows off her henna dyed hands. The traditional decoration of hands and feet is a Hindu custom and is associated with festivals. The dye lasts on the skin for about one month. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## Narmada project: reservoir of discontent

HARSUD, India, Oct 20, (Reuters): India's ambitious plans to harness one of its major rivers to bring water to arid areas have taken the lid off a reservoir of discontent.

"Let people decide whether it is for their development or destruction," says Baba Amte, a 75-year-old social worker leading the opposition to dams on the Narmada River.

The government is set upon building the Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar dams to irrigate arid parts of western Gujarat state, but farmers are determined to stop the huge schemes.

The anger was visible in Harsud recently when 50,000 farmers and anti-dam activists descended on the town to protest against the dam that will drown the small trading settlement of 15,000.

The central Indian town is nearly 1,000 years old and its residents fear the loss of their homes and the move to new resettlement areas promised by the government.

"We are questioning the very basis of destructive development. A small group of elite have cornered all benefits of development. We want a humane development process," anti-dam activists S.R.

Hiremath said.

The Narmada project, expected to cost 20 billion rupees (\$1.2 billion) over more than a decade, has enraged environmentalists.

Apart from displacing 250,000 people, they say, the dams will destroy historic sites, submerge valuable forests and cause ecological imbalance.

Government cost estimates do not take into account current agricultural output of the areas to be submerged, the value of forests to be lost and the cost of resettlement, they say.

The government counters by saying the project

will provide drinking water for millions of people, nearly 2,500 megawatts of power and create an irrigate two million hectares (five million acres) of land.

Those opposed to the dams dispute the government's figures and say its previous resettlement record is dismal.

Sahyog, one of nearly a dozen voluntary organisations fighting the decision to build the dams, claims some people displaced for the Sardar Sarovar project years ago have still to be rehabilitated.

## Hindus pledge to build temple

Fears of communal riots

NEW DELHI, Oct 20, (UPI): A Hindu radical group yesterday pledged to lay the foundation stone for a temple on a disputed holy site in northern Uttar Pradesh, despite warnings that the event planned for Nov 9 could ignite bloody clashes with Muslims.

"Nobody can stop us," declared Mahant Avedyanath, a saffron-robed holy man who leads a committee set up by the fundamentalist Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) dedicating to "liberating" the site. "If anyone tries to stop us, they must walk over our dead bodies."

The site, located in the Uttar Pradesh state town of Ayodhya, 435 miles (700 km) east of New Delhi, is currently occupied by a 400-year-old mosque built by Babar, the founder of the Moghul dynasty.

Hindus, who comprise more than 80 per cent of India's 816 million people, claim the mosque was built on the foundations of a temple that marked the birthplace of Lord Rama, a major deity in their pantheon. The mosque was locked up in 1949 to avoid communal tensions, but was ordered open to Hindus by a court in 1986.

Muslims, who number 100 million and are India's largest minority, maintain there is no archaeological evidence of a former temple and they have rejected the VHP's call that the mosque be dismantled and reconstructed on another site.

"We say shift it," reported B.L. Sharma, the Delhi VHP chief. "If they say no, we will shift it, just as Babar did to our temple."

The dispute is regarded as one of the most serious communal issues since India gained independence in 1947 and declared itself a secular country.

V.P. Singh, the leader of the centrist Janata Dal Party and key opposition contender for next month's general elections, has called for the VHP to postpone the Nov 9 foundation-laying ceremony pending a resolution of the dispute by the courts.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party has also declared it opposes the rite, but his government has declined to ban it, igniting charges that it is seeking to exploit the issue to gain Hindu votes in Nov 22-26 general elections.

A committee of VHP officials and other affiliated groups declared at a news conference that the ceremony would proceed and that about 15,000 Hindus will converge on Ayodhya bearing consecrated bricks from around the country, inscribed with Lord Rama's name. Prayer ceremonies have been underway across the country to consecrate some 2.5 million bricks, which are mixed with water from the holy Ganges river.

More than 300 people have died this year in violence between Hindus and Muslims.

## Troop links to killings probe

COLOMBO, Oct 20, (Agencies): The Sri Lankan government will probe allegations of military involvement in vigilante killings if charges are made to the authorities, the foreign ministers said today.

Ranjan Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, told the opposition in Parliament: "If you have any evidence or information on security forces being involved, we will inquire."

He said the security forces had murdered no one. "Only those they faced in combat have been killed," he said.

The minister was speaking at the end of a debate on the emergency, which was extended by a 96-68 vote. The emergency gives extra powers to troops to combat leftwing rebels.

Opposition leader Sirima Bandaranaike said there had been more killings on the island than the 916 political murders reported by the government in the month to Oct 14.

"No one counts bodies floating downstream, burning bodies on roadways and in cemeteries. These killings go unreported," she said.

Bandaranaike, a former prime minister, said assassination squads believed to be made up of paramilitary units and politicians' security guards were hunting opponents of the government.

"Hundreds of youths have been brutally killed and left on roads or rivers for dogs, jackals and crocodiles to feed on," she said.

Opposition leaders said the attacks were reprisals for killings by the leftist People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese group trying to oust the government.

Police said the principal of St Thomas College, a leading private school, and his wife were shot dead by gunmen in their home at Gurulawa in south-east Badulla district yesterday.

Bandaranaike said quick action was needed to end the violence. She blamed youth unrest on lack of job opportunities and said the government should try to solve the root cause of the problem and avoid killing the rebels.

Her son, Anura, of the main opposition Freedom Party said Sri Lanka's Buddhists, more than 70 per cent of the island's 16 million people, were known for their patience, tolerance and basic decency.

"But we have lost all that by the savage killings. We have lost the sense of right and wrong," Anura said, appealing to President Ranasinghe Premadasa to stop the murders. Wijeratne said the government had nearly contained the terrorist problem. "We got the men who yesterday attacked a police station in the south," he said.

He said the pullout of Indian troops had begun in eastern Ampara district. New Delhi, which has maintained security in Sri Lanka's northeast region since 1987, is scheduled to withdraw its troops from Ampara by October 24.

Sri Lanka's dominant Tamil militant group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) will attend the once-postponed north east peace committee meeting next week in Colombo provided their rivals the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) stopped conscription of students to an illegal army and release students who have already been forcibly trained, northern political sources said today.

## 13 die in Bangla bus accident

DHAKA, Oct 20, (Reuters): At least 13 people were killed and 50 injured when a bus plunged 200 metres (600 feet) into a ravine in southern Bangladesh, police said today.

They said the accident occurred yesterday near Ramgarh, 160 km (100 miles) south-east of Dhaka.



A Panamanian-registered cargo ship, was slammed against a Poro-Point pier in La Union Province north of Manila by typhoon Elsie.

## Elsie hits Philippines

Four dead, 22,100 homeless

MANILA, Oct 20, (AP): Typhoon Elsie moved out into the South China Sea today after battering the northern Philippines, leaving at least four dead and thousands huddled in shelters, officials said.

In a final typhoon bulletin at 4:00 am (2000 GMT yesterday), the Manila Weather Bureau said Elsie, the fiercest storm to strike the nation this year, was about 384 kilometres (240 miles) northwest of Manila.

Forecaster Juliet Dagupa said that Elsie blew ashore with 205 kilometre (127 mile) per hour winds yesterday, but weakened today to 165 kilometres (103 miles) per hour and was moving west at 22 kilometres (14 miles) per hour.

The Red Cross said two people were killed in Isabela province when they were struck by galvan-

ised iron sheets torn off houses. One person was crushed to death by a falling tree in a La Union province and another in a landslide on the outskirts of the mountain resort town of Baguio, 210 kilometres (130 miles) north of Manila.

The office of civil defence said more than 22,100 people sought temporary shelter in schoolhouses and government centres or reported their houses either damaged or destroyed.

Officials added at least 6,106 houses were destroyed in six northern provinces hit by the typhoon. Officials said many northern provinces lost electricity when high winds toppled power lines. Fallen trees littered the national highway and blocked dozens of other roads.

## Imelda seeks Cory talks

MANILA, Oct 20, (AP): A Filipino senator said today that Ferdinand Marcos' widow, Imelda, wants to talk with the government of President Corason Aquino to try to win permission to return to the Philippines from Hawaii.

Sen. Joseph Estrada, who arrived yesterday from Hawaii where he attended the funeral of the ousted leader, said Imelda told him of her willingness to negotiate.

Marcos died Sept 28 in Hawaii, three years after a

popular revolt ended his autocratic rule and swept Mrs Aquino to power. His followers have sought to overturn the government's refusal to allow his remains to be brought back to the Philippines.

"She told me that she is willing to compromise (with) whatever President Aquino wants," said Estrada, a member of the Liberal Party, which supports Mrs Aquino. "But (it should be) compromise with dignity."

He did not elaborate on Imelda's offer.

Mrs Aquino has said she is not going to talk with Imelda until the return of funds the Marcoses allegedly stole from the Philippines during the former president's rule.

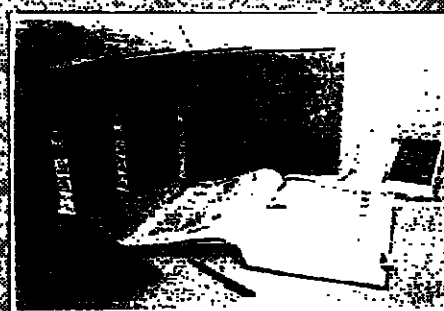
Imelda faces racketeering charges in New York and is free on bail. She has denied the charges.

Asked by reporters if the compromise proposed by Imelda meant surrendering the wealth, Estrada replied: "That's possible."

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

**NEW YORK:** During her 53 years in show business, Jane Wyman has been in 86 movies and has done nine years of television's *Falcon Crest*. So the actress says she does not answer any calls as Ronald Reagan's former wife.

"I don't have to be known as that," said Wyman, who ended an eight-year boycott on interviews by speaking to *Vanity Fair* for its November issue. "I've been in this business longer than he has. It's such bad taste."

Which is not to say you shouldn't call at all. Wyman says she stays in contact with Hollywood friends like Barbara Stanwyck and Loretta Young, although her work on *"Falcon Crest"* makes it difficult. (AP)

**WAUWATOSA, Wisconsin:** Dispatcher Cheryl Ann Heck says the incoming call to the city's 911 emergency number sounded like it could be the work of a prankster — but she was not about to take any chances.

"We could hear some clunking and clicking on the phone, and every once in a while you would hear the tones, like someone was depressing the push buttons," she says.

She traced the call and sent police, medical and fire department personnel rushing to the address. Rescue workers broke into the locked house but found nobody home except the apparent emergency caller, a 1-year-old basset hound named *Mandy*. (AP)

**SCOTTSDALE, Arizona:** William F. Beckley Jr., the columnist, conservative, television host, espionage author and sailing aficionado, has still another description to his name: harpichordist.

Buckley, host of television talk show and founder of the conservative *National Review*, made his debut as a solo harpichordist on Tuesday night with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra after only a year of practice. (AP)

**LOS ANGELES:** For auction — a Rolls Royce owned by Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Gabor was driving a Rolls Royce when she was stopped by policeman Paul Kramer in Beverly Hills on June 14 because her number plate was out of date. She was later convicted of slapping the policeman.

Gabor is selling the car's companion — a 1986 midnight blue Rolls Royce Silver Spur. (Reuters)

**GREENWICH, Connecticut:** Mason Hommel, 75, has no plans to exchange auto licence plates that were printed with the state name, slogan and Connecticut map upside down.

Hommel called the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles about the old plates he bought. He told them he was talking to his son about to go ahead and use them.

"Undoubtedly, he thought I was drunk or something," Hommel said.

The words "Connecticut" and "Constitution State" appear upside down. (AP)

**LOS ANGELES:** The widow of Fred Astaire has sued Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. for at least \$25,000 for alleged breach of contract over the distribution of two of his films, court papers showed on Thursday.

Robyn Astaire, 44, a former jockey, seeks a complete accounting of Columbia's distribution of the films *You'll Never Get Rich* and *You Were Never Lovelier*. (Reuters)

**LONDON:** The death rate in England and Wales has fallen to its lowest point for 20 years, according to a report by the British Office of Population Censuses and Surveys here.

It said 11.3 people in every 1,000 died in 1987, a fall of 2.4 per cent from the previous year, and the lowest death rate since 1967. The total number of deaths was 566,994. (Kuna)

**OTTAWA:** Babies who risked being thrown off the bus in Canada's capital can now swig from a bottle in peace.

Dennis Gribben, a 21-year-old mother, was forced off an Ottawa bus after a driver saw her baby daughter drinking from a bottle.

Her ejection led to a change of heart. The ban on food and drink on buses will no longer include baby bottles, bus company general manager John Rossell said. (Reuters)

**LONDON:** British researchers will spend £1 million (\$1.6 million) investigating how best to handle disasters. It was announced on Wednesday.

The project, jointly funded by the Natural Environment Research Council and the Economic and Social Research Council, will develop geographic information systems and computer-based models which can highlight solutions and provide large volumes of data.

A project spokesman, speaking anonymously, said researchers hope to underpin Britain's position as a world leader in geographic information systems technology. (AP)

**HEREFORD, England:** Sir Roger Mynors, one of Britain's leading classical scholars, was killed in a car crash, police disclosed on Wednesday. He was 86 years old. Mynors' car was involved in a collision on Tuesday with a van and another car near Hereford in western England, police said. The two other drivers, both men, were hospitalized with head and neck injuries.

The former professor of Latin at Cambridge and Oxford, who lived at Treago Castle, St Weonards, near Hereford, was president of the Classical Association in 1966. He was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford and was an expert on ancient church manuscripts. (AP)

**CHICAGO, Illinois:** Philanthropist Barbara Hirschman Johnson, working to save the shipyard where Poland's Solidarity trade union was born, is urging other Americans to join her in helping that country rescue its economy.

The widow of Johnson and Johnson co-founder J. Seaward Johnson pledged \$100 million to save the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk. She also is working to set up the first private bank under Poland's newly liberalized government. (AP)

**WAXZATIA, Illinois:** A company has paid \$1.35 million for an 1852 \$20 gold coin in the first documented purchase of a US coin for more than \$1 million.

T.G. Morgan Inc bought the 1852 Augustus Humbert gold piece in May. News of the sale was only verified recently.

The Humbert coin is believed to be the only one of its kind ever minted by Augustus Humbert's Territorial Mint in San Francisco between March 5 and April 2, 1852. The coin was stamped by dies twice for detail clarity, polished to a mirror finish and then delivered to Humbert. (UPI)

**NEW YORK:** A computer "worm" that sends an anti-nuclear message has invaded at least 50 computers on a non-classified world-wide network of more than 15,000 scientific computers serving the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its European counterparts, security officials say. The worm is spreading to other computers in the network, but security at most computer centres is good enough to prevent it from spreading too widely, said Ron Tencati, security manager for the space physics analysis network in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The worm, a piece of software similar to a computer virus, is relatively harmless but annoying, Tencati said. It flashes a message saying:

Worms against nuclear killers  
Your system has been officially wanked. (AP)



Bear's play

A Russian brown bear is running for the puck during an ice-hockey match of brown-bears performed by the Moscow state circus in Hamburg on Oct 19. The brown-bears team wearing the yellow helmets beat the red helmet team 5:1. The circus is touring in West Germany and will perform in Hamburg until Oct 29. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Powerful drug for transplant

**PITTSBURGH, Oct 20, (AP):** A new drug that prevents and even reverses rejection of transplanted organs is 50 to 100 times more powerful than medication now used and is also less toxic, a leading transplant surgeon said.

"It's a marvelous drug," said Dr Thomas Starzl of the University of Pittsburgh, who headed the team responsible for its development. "It's the best drug that has been put out to this time."

The drug, FK-506, appears to be an eventual replacement for cyclosporine, the major anti-rejection drug now being used, he said. It may also lower transplantation costs and prove useful in treating other disorders.

"The biggest bonus is better survival."

Dr Robert Corry, president of the United Network for Organ Sharing, said he has not yet reviewed the findings but has "every reason to believe that Dr Starzl is correct."

"He certainly has made enormous contributions and this may be yet another one that he's done," Corry said.

Starzl performed the world's first liver transplant in 1963 and pioneered the use of cyclosporine in the early 1980s. He first tried FK-506 on a patient in February. Starzl and other University of Pittsburgh doctors have since administered the drug to 111 patients, including a few children.

The liver, heart, kidney, pancreas and lung recipients were given FK-506 after cyclosporine failed to work as intended or their transplanted organs had failed, Starzl said.

## 25 pc workforce suffer job stress

Employers lose \$75m

**NEW YORK, Oct 20, (UPI):** A Gallup poll of corporate personnel and medical directors shows that up to 25 per cent of the nation's business workforce suffers from anxiety disorders and stress-related illnesses and very few receive treatment, it was reported.

The poll conducted for the New York business group on health indicated that each employee who suffers from anxiety and depression can be expected to lose an average of 16 days of work annually as a result. Five times the normal absentee rate.

According to one study referred to in the Gallup reports, 11 per cent of all workers' compensation claims because of occupational diseases are attributed to job stress. It was predicted that if such claims grew at current rates, they will lead all other claims in the 1990s.

The most common symptoms of on-job depression are difficulty in concentrating, loss of energy, loss of interest in work and sleep disturbances, Gallup reported.

"We think the cost to employers is 50 million to 75 million a year and in addition there are the imponderable costs of the suffering of workers, co-workers, families and others who depend on these employees," said Leon Warshaw, executive director of the sponsoring group.

According to 201 personnel and medical directors of small, middle size and large corporations interviewed on a random basis, the top three causes of anxiety and stress-related illnesses are layoffs or talk of layoffs, talk of plant-office closings and actual closings, and labour problems, Warshaw said.

"Stress is the more pervasive and potent toxin found in the workforce," said Warshaw who explained that 72 per cent of those polled found the problem to be "very pervasive" or "fairly pervasive."

He added that the highest prevalence of stress-related illnesses are reported in the 18 to 44-year-old age group and declines in older workers.

"The poll shows about 15 per cent of mental health problems among workers stem from stress and anxiety and another 10 per cent is related to alcoholism which is often linked to stress and anxiety. Abuse of drugs may affect an equal number."

Warshaw said the good news is that there are a variety of treatments — ranging from psychotherapy to drugs — for patients to choose from that will get them back on their feet in two or three months.

But the bad news is that only about one-fifth of affected workers will receive such treatment, often because there is a social stigma that keeps workers from reporting their problems or because management is "unsympathetic."

"Two-fifths will get no treatment at all," he said. "Another two-fifths will get some treatment but it will not be adequate to do the job."

## Shuttle crew begin testing

**SPACE CENTRE, Houston, Oct 20, (AP):** The space shuttle Atlantis whirled around the Earth today, taking samples of the ozone layer while its five astronauts tried to film the Grand Canyon, Japanese volcanoes and other parts of the world.

As the crew members began their third day in orbit, the nuclear-powered Galileo probe they deployed about six hours after blastoff on Wednesday zipped across the solar system at more than 9,000 miles (14,483 kms) per hour.

The \$1.5 billion probe, which is on a six-year, 2.4-billion-mile (3.8 billion-kilometre) trip to Jupiter, had travelled more than 290,000 miles (466,697 kilometres) as the day began.

Once it reaches Jupiter, Galileo is expected to give the best look yet of another planet and find clues to the universe's origin.

Galileo was pronounced in "perfect shape" and "right on course" yesterday by the US space agency. Atlantis also was given a clean bill of health after the crew members restored a cooling system that shut down the previous day when it overheated.

The astronauts will spend the rest of their mission working on experiments and photographing the Earth with still and movie cameras. Atlantis is scheduled to land at 2:38 pm (1838 GMT) on Monday at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

The shuttle crew members are Commander Don Williams, Pilot Mike McCulley, and mission specialists Shannon Lucid, Ellen Baker and Franklin Chang-Diaz.

Yesterday, Mrs Baker and Chang-Diaz demonstrated a retinal photography experiment that could be seen on satellite television at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Mission Control Centre.

With swimming goggles strapped around her head, Mrs Baker steadied herself on the shuttle's middeck while Chang-Diaz pressed a camera to the right goggle to photograph her retina.

"We're trying to hold ourselves steady, which is probably the hardest part of this task," said Mrs Baker, a medical doctor.

Researchers want to study the 35 mm camera slides to determine if there are any changes in the eye's vessels in zero gravity. Such changes could indicate some brain swelling, and researchers want to find out if that is related to motion sickness in space.

Also last night, a camera in the cargo bay showed spectacular views of typhoon Elsie in the Philippines.

"It's a real big storm," Williams said.

Weather permitting, the astronauts hope to capture images of Los Angeles, North and South Korea, the Grand Canyon in the United States, Tokyo and several Japanese volcanoes.

They are using a special Imax camera that produces detailed film that can be shown on extra-large screens. The film shot today will be used in two movies.

The measurement taken aboard Atlantis will be compared with data being collected at the same time and over the same areas by nearly identical sensors aboard three older US satellites. The new data will be used to help calibrate the satellite sensors.

## Spaniard wins Nobel prize

Special style of writing

**STOCKHOLM, Oct 20 (UPI):** The Swedish Academy yesterday awarded Spanish writer Camilo Jose Cela, 73, the 1989 Nobel prize for literature citing a special style of writing honed by his personal experience of the horrors of the Spanish civil war.

For six years Cela was one of the favourite candidates for the 88-year-old honour. His style in Spanish, is known as the "tremendista" because of the "tremendous" way readers are said to react to his evocations of wartime horror and brutality.

The academy said Cela had been chosen for "his rich and intense prose, which with restrained compassion that forms a challenging vision of man's vulnerability."

"I'm very happy," Cela said from his home in Guadalajara, 35 miles (55 km) northeast of Madrid, when he was told he had won the prize.

"I have worked many years as a writer and I have now peaked my career but there are many worthy potential prize winners in Spanish literature, especially in Latin America," he added.

The last Spanish-language writer to be awarded the prize was the Colombian writer Gabriel Marquez Garcia in 1982.

The Swedish Academy said that between 1942 and 1988 Cela produced 70 volumes including 10 novels, as well as travelogues, short stories and poems "all of more or less experimental nature."

Cela was not recommended to "less literary experienced readers" said academy spokesman Sture Allen.

"People should start to read



Camilo Jose Cela. (Reuters wirephoto)

his travel descriptions. There he captured a Spain that is disappearing. It is a part of the Spanish soul," Allen said.

The background of his experience was "the cruel 1937-39 Spanish civil war" in which he fought for Spanish dictator Gen. Francisco Franco's nationalists and was badly wounded, the academy said.

"His work has been described as an eloquent, truculent, eccentric reaction to that experience and a love-hate affair with Spain," the academy continued.

"He made a name for himself with the novel *La Familia de Pascual Duarte* in 1942, which after Don Quixote, is probably the most widely read novel in Spanish literature," the academy said.

Cela, a vital scholar of Spanish customs and a raffish personality, was born in 1916 of an Anglo-Italian mother and a Spanish father.

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## Family settles suit by agreeing to punch defence attorney

**HOUSTON, Oct 20 (AP):** No one can agree whose idea it was, but a defence attorney has agreed to let the plaintiffs in a lawsuit give him a beating rather than ask his client to pay a \$50,000 settlement.

"I would love to hit him," said Anna Manz of Cincinnati, whose daughter sued over her husband's death in a construction accident.

Lawyer Tom Alexander, who represents Derr Construction Co. of Euless, Texas,

agreed to allow Mrs Manz, her daughter, Michelle Parks, and their attorneys take their best shots at him.

"The clients are very pleased," Alexander said. "He likes to have a lawyer, so to speak, who will go to the mat for him."

Derr Construction was one of several defendants in a wrongful death case brought by Mrs Parks on behalf of her husband, Billy Parks, 29, a foreman who was killed in a January 1987 construction

fall in Houston.

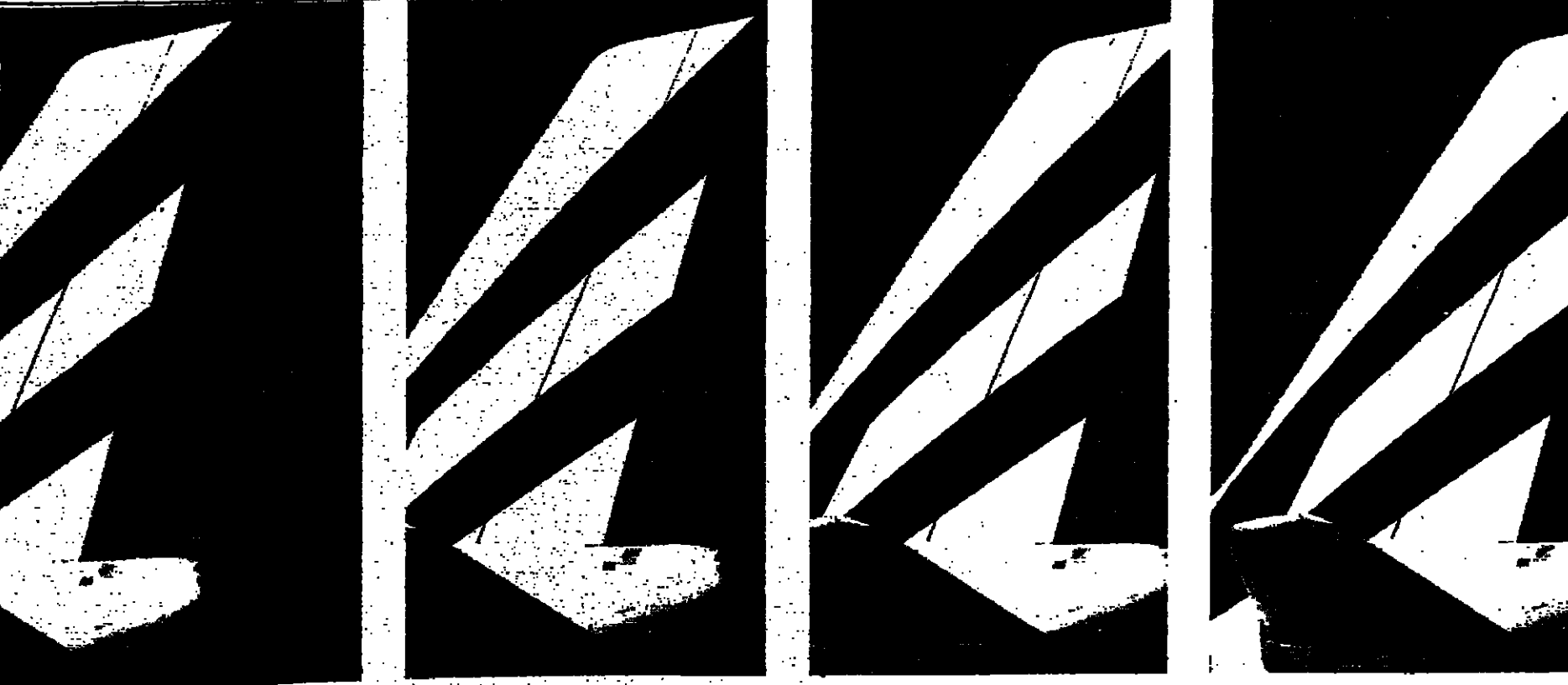
The various litigants agreed Sept 26, to a roughly \$3-million settlement to be shared by all the defendants. Alexander, who had sought numerous delays and postponements in the case, was not involved in the negotiations. When he learned his partner had offered that Derr pay a \$50,000 share, he angrily refused to let Derr pay anything.

"He was loud and he insisted that he wouldn't pay this," Mrs Manz said. "He

just kept really spouting off... I really knew if I could just sock him, it would be justified."

Out of the arguing came the suggestion that Alexander take it on the chin.

However, Mrs Parks said she doesn't believe the event will ever take place. But she added: "It would be great fun because he was a real creep — he wasn't very compassionate and was very unprofessional."



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## Bogota captures drug pilot

BOGOTA, Oct. 20. (Agencies): A well-known Colombian bullfighter and the alleged private pilot for reputed drug baron Pablo Escobar have been arrested on suspicion of drug-trafficking, authorities said today.

Dairo Chica, 33, one of the country's most famous bullfighters, was detained yesterday near Medellin.

An army communiqué said he had links with the Medellín cocaine cartel and served as a front man for drug barons Jorge Luis and Juan David Ochoa.

Authorities also captured Jorge Ricardo de la Cuesta, 37, a drug suspect they said was sought for extradition by the United States. Police said he was one of Escobar's most trusted pilots and made numerous drug smuggling flights to the United States.

Since the government launched an anti-narcotics crackdown two months ago, four accused drug traffickers have been extradited to the United States to stand trial.

In an unrelated development, seven people, including a 12-year-old boy, were killed by unidentified gunmen in the Boyaca emerald mining area, north of Bogotá.

The assailants ambushed the victim's jeep yesterday near the mining town of Quipama.

Colombia's lucrative emerald industry, long used to hide profits from the illegal drug trade, is frequently hit by similar killings. Trade experts say at least 2,500 people died in the undeclared "emerald war" over the past decade.

Meanwhile, Colombia's judge and other court workers returned to work today after a three-day strike that failed to force the government to do more to protect them from drug traffickers.

"We are certain that more of us will be murdered in coming months, but we can't shut down the court system for very long," said Consuelo Herrera, a federal judge and member of the court workers' union, the Association of Judicial Employees.

The 5,000 judges and 12,000 other judicial workers walked off the job on Tuesday after a federal judge was slain by drug dealers in retaliation for the extradition of drug suspects to the United States.

A 22-year-old man who died in a grenade explosion outside the Colombian legislature had been planning an attack on members of Congress when the bomb went off prematurely, police said yesterday.

Jaime de Jesus Molina Alvarez, who was blown to bits in front of a lunchtime crowd in Bogotá's Bolívar plaza, was carrying a submachine gun and a two-way radio in addition to the grenade he had strapped to his abdomen.

Authorities said he apparently was a hitman for the powerful drug cartels believed responsible for more than 160 bombings and dozens of assassinations since their Aug. 24 declaration of "total war" against the government and anti-drug newspaper.

## Cuba in Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 20. (AP): Cuba was elected on Wednesday to a non-permanent seat in the 15-member security council for the first time since its revolution 30 years ago after the United States dropped its long-standing opposition.

Democratic Yemen, Ivory Coast and Zaire also were elected as non-permanent members for the two-year terms. The selections added three hard-line communist voices to the council, but it was unclear what effect that would have on the council's stances.

The United States backed off from its opposition to Cuba in the vote, instead calling on Havana to co-operate in the world forum to cease alleged military and political interference in other nations.

After the vote, Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca said, "we would not place narrow national objectives above our responsibility toward the international community."

"We hope we will co-operate with all members states on the council," he said when asked about the United States. "We are not making any exceptions," he said in Spanish through a translator.

The five new non-permanent members replaced Brazil, Algeria, Senegal.

# Britain holds up C'wealth accord

It's 48 to one again

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 20. (Agencies): All Commonwealth countries, with the exception of Britain, agreed today to back a plan for a global fund to save the world's endangered environment, officials at the group's biennial summit said.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's refusal to back a plan first proposed by India left Britain standing alone against the Commonwealth on the two significant issues facing the summit.

"It's 48 to one—again," said one senior official sadly.

Thatcher was also alone in opposing an Australian plan to tighten the financial screws on South Africa, which left the body linking Britain's former imperial possessions in 1961.

Intense negotiations since the conference started in the Malaysian capital on Wednesday resulted in all but Britain agreeing to incorporate the Indian proposal for a planet protection fund in a Malaysian-drafted declaration on the environment, officials said.

Britain opposes establishing new funds or institutions for tackling the environment, saying existing structures for dealing with the problem should be strengthened instead.

The declaration is intended to be the centrepiece of the six-day summit and Thatcher's refusal to accept the idea of a fund promised lively debate during the leaders' weekend private session on the resort island of Langkawi.

"The Indians argued passionately that the principle of a mandatory fund must be included or efforts to save the environment would never get off the ground," one source said.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi proposed the idea at the Beograd summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in September.

The sources said there was still hope Thatcher would endorse the environment declaration at the weekend's private retreat, to which the leaders will take only one side.

"Surely, Britain cannot be seen, in terms of Mrs Thatcher's own domestic position and the increasing importance of the Greens in Europe, as too much of a hardliner on such a sensitive issue as the environment," a senior official said.

There was significantly less likelihood that she would switch to endorsing a five-point plan proposed by Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke to hasten the end of apartheid in South Africa.

"They are being very, very difficult," one official said of a 10-member committee of foreign ministers negotiating on the proposal that would tighten credit lines for South African trade and remove government credit guarantees.

Thatcher told her fellow leaders it was time to be offering "carrots" to tempt South Africa to end apartheid rather than wielding the "stick" of tighter sanctions.

Officials said she was also strongly opposed to the Hawke plan's backing of the Harare declaration, an African blueprint for a negotiated settlement in South Africa.

Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said today Moscow should withdraw some of the arms it has poured into Afghanistan to encourage a political solution to the country's civil war.

She said since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan in February, Moscow had given Kabul so much arms its stocks were far higher than those of the mujahedeen resistance based in the northwest Pakistan city of Peshawar.

"We are saying that a way should be found where some of the ammunition which has gone in and tilted the military balance—a way should be found to withdraw that from Kabul," she told a news conference.

"The Afghans have their own ways of doing things which may tax your patience," she told reporters. "I have inexhaustible supplies of patience."

She said there was some new movement after months of stagnation following the Soviet withdrawal and failed to fight a conventional war against Kabul.

"I think that right now things are picking up," she said, as the harsh Afghan winter that reduces the scale of fighting approached.

Benazir suggested that balancing military supplies to the two sides might be a starting point for peace moves but offered no further ideas on how the process might go.

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Ambulances and police on the scene after the coach-truck collision. (Reuter wirephoto)



Picture shows the express coach that collided with the truck on Oct 20. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 22 killed in Australia bus crash

SYDNEY, Oct. 20. (UPI): At least 22 people died—including nine of a family of ten—when an interstate passenger bus and a semi-trailer collided head-on on the Pacific highway, near Grafton, 430 miles (691 km) north of Sydney today, police said.

One whole side of the bus was sheared off, crushing passengers and spilling others onto the highway.

Police spokeswoman, Nicky Gavec, said the bus then veered off the road and rolled over several times.

The semi-trailer also plunged off the road

into a paddock and overturned, killing the driver and spilling its load.

Gavec said another 25 passengers were injured, some critically.

They were ferried by a fleet of ambulances and by helicopters to nearby Grafton, Maclean and Lismore hospitals. Two critically injured were flown by helicopter to Royal Brisbane hospital for specialist surgery.

Witnesses first on the spot described the scene as one of "carnage" with wreckage and bodies of the dead, injured and dying, scattered over several hundred yards.

Gavec said nine men, women and children, from one travelling family of ten died in the smash.

They said the sole survivor from the family, newspaper executive Col Ormesher, 49, had arranged a holiday trip for his wife and two teen-age children, as well as the family of his brother, Les, who arrived from England on a visit four days ago.

Police said, Ormesher's wife and two teen-age children, his brother and sister-in-law and their two children all died in the crash.

## Kims gang up to oust Roh

SEOUL, Oct. 20. (UPI): The leaders of three opposition parties agreed yesterday to unite in a joint struggle to push President Roh Tae-Woo out of office if he fails to introduce democratic reforms by the end of the year.

Kim Dae Jung, Kim Young-Sam, and Kim Jong-Pil, heads of the party for Peace and Democracy, the Remunification Democratic Party, and the New Democratic Republican Party, met to map their joint strategy against Roh's government, officials said.

At the 2-1/2 hour meeting, the three Kims, who got together for the first time in seven months, agreed on how the Roh government must proceed to achieve democratisation, their spokesmen said.

"If cleanup of past evils and progress for democracy are not made by the end of the year, the three opposition leaders decided to join force to get President Roh to step down," the spokesmen said at a joint news conference.

To push their goal, the opposition leaders agreed that Roh's two predecessors, Choi Kyu-Hah and Chun Doo Hwan, must testify before the national assembly to bring to light wrongs committed while they were in power, the spokesmen said.

Choi Kyu-Hah was president for 10 months starting in October 1979, followed by Chun Doo Hwan who ruled the nation for eight years until February 1988.

The opposition leaders demanded a government apology for the Kwangju incident when army troops crushed pro-democracy protests and killed nearly 1,000 people. They also demanded compensation for the families of the victims of the uprising, the spokesmen said.

They also decided that new laws must be enacted by the end of this year to ensure the political neutrality of the police.

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Conlon escorted by his two sisters Anne (left) and Bridie (right) wave to well-wishers, moments after his release. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Policemen lied, probe ordered

Guildford Four freed

LONDON, Oct. 20. (AP): The government has ordered the inquiry into alleged police misconduct after three people convicted in 1975 of an Irish Republican Army bombing were ordered freed by an appeals court.

A fourth person, Paul Hill, who was cleared by the appeals court, was taken to Belfast where he was released on bail by a Northern Ireland Court, pending an appeal against his conviction for the murder of a British soldier 15 years ago.

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Guildford Four "must have lied," Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said in his ruling yesterday.

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## Chinese bid to repair damage

BEIJING, Oct. 20. (Reuters): China has indicated it will soon give a fuller account of casualties in the army's suppression of student protests last June, a plan Western diplomats say is intended to polish Beijing's badly tarnished image.

But they said China's hardline rulers, though eager to repair huge damage to their reputation, would not say they had been wrong to use force to crush what is officially referred to as a counter-revolutionary rebellion.

T.D. Lee, a Nobel prize-winning physicist who met senior leaders during a recent visit to China, said that Beijing would soon publish a comprehensive list of those killed and where their deaths occurred when the army stormed Beijing's city centre on June 3-4.

The professor from New York's Columbia University quoted Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin as telling him the Chinese Red Cross would soon make the list public.

His remarks were made in a telephone interview with a Reuters reporter in Washington while he was attending a conference in Stanford University in California.

Another foreign visitor who recently met senior Chinese leaders but asked not to be identified also told Reuters of plans for a casualty list to help bolster Beijing's case.

Western diplomats said China was aware of the damage to its reputation from the killing and wanted to convince foreign governments and businessmen that its action was necessary.

"It is apparently what they have been counselled (by foreign friends) to do to help prove their case," said a Western diplomat.

"I suspect they will pick out a few who died and name them as innocent bystanders."

Fang Lizhi, the dissident Chinese astrophysicist accused of inciting protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square last spring, has won the 1989 Robert Kennedy Memorial Human Rights award, it was announced in Washington.

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# East Berlin hints at easier travel

10,000 stage pro-democracy rally

EAST BERLIN, Oct 20, (Agencies): East Germany's communist rulers, trying to defuse the country's worst crisis since 1953, promised today to relax controls on public debate and travel and to put more consumer goods in the shops.

The Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland said East Germans must spell out problems, and the party, under its new leader Egon Krenz, must work hard to regain the trust of the people.

The party is proving its courage in the face of the truth," the newspaper said in an editorial two days after Krenz, 52, was appointed to replace Erich Honecker, who had ruled East Germany with a tight grip since 1971.

"It is doing away with presumptuousness and the glossing over of problems. Criticism and self-criticism are coming back into the centre of work ... all people are urged to call problems by their names and to work together to solve them."

# Viet boat people start returning

Disenchanted lot

HONG KONG, Oct 20, (AP): More than 120 Vietnamese who made treacherous boat journeys to Hong Kong flew back home today after their hopes for a new life were dashed in the teeming camps of this British colony.

Another group of about 120 is expected to return home within days, and a further 850 "boat people" are awaiting repatriation on later flights, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

A chartered Boeing 737 carried 52 men, 47 women, 12 boys and 11 girls to Hanoi today, bringing the number of Vietnamese repatriated under the UN-sponsored programme to 385 in four flights since March.

Waving their red boarding passes and shaking hands with refugee relief officials, the Vietnamese boarded the plane carrying plastic shopping bags filled with possessions. Some parents carried toddlers, while other Vietnamese carried huge radio-cassette players.

"We believe that voluntary repatriation works," said Anne Shepherd, deputy chief of the UN refugee office in Hong Kong.

"The number of people applying has increased substantially," she said since the voluntary repatriation programme began in the middle of 1984, the number of Vietnamese applying to go home has increased from



With ticket in hand, a Vietnamese refugee waves goodbye to reporters at Hong Kong's Tak Airport Oct 20. (Reuters wirephoto)

about 30 a month to about 65 each week.

But the number of Vietnamese volunteering to go home represents only a fraction of the nearly 44,000 boat people in the colony who have not been granted refugee status. The Hong Kong government says other means are needed.

Washington also has expressed opposition to forced repatriation.

# Cambodian refugee repatriation unlikely

BANGKOK, Oct 20, (AP): Prospects for the return home of more than 300,000 Cambodian refugees now in Thailand have grown dimmer after the failure of recent peace efforts, relief workers said at a conference today.

"Repatriation is undoubtedly further away from us than it appeared even three months ago," said Urs Boegli, head of the Thailand Office of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Over the past year, diplomatic peace efforts increased so rapidly that many refugee-aid officials said it appeared a settlement was within grasp and the displaced Cambodians could soon go home. But international talks on Cambodia in Paris during the summer failed to settle the 11-

year-old civil war.

Some 300,000 refugees who fled the brutal Khmer Rouge government and the Vietnamese invasion that ended in late 1978 remain in United Nations-assisted camps on the Thai border.

With nearby fighting intensifying after what Vietnam called its final troops withdrawal late last month, the refugees face greater danger in their camps along the Thai-Cambodian border, Boegli said at an annual conference on the situation.

"Do we have to fear a fully fledged attack on the camps? Of course this possibility has to remain part of our security planning," he said.

He said the danger was increased by the presence of military personnel in the camps.

# Azeris demand parochial forces

MOSCOW, Oct 20, (Agencies): Thousands of protesters in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan have demanded that army recruits be allowed to serve in their own region to avoid ethnic violence among soldiers.

A spokesman for the Azerbaijan Popular Front said today that about 10,000 people demonstrated outside a conscription centre in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku from Oct 17-19.

"Only 25 per cent of the republic's recruits serve in Azerbaijan. That is far too few," Nazim Ragimov said.

Ragimov said in the first eight months of this year, 88 young Azeris had died in military training, the victims of initiation rituals and brawls among recruits from different ethnic backgrounds.

The Soviet press has lately reported lurid accounts of beatings and sexual abuse of young recruits by senior soldiers.

A series of stories in the Estonian press presented the case of "Matti," a recruit brutalised by Russian soldiers.

The item sparked a flood of letters to the editor by former soldiers eager to tell their own tales of abuses.

Many of the increasingly influential national groups, particularly in the Baltic republics, are demanding their young men serve their two years in their home regions where they will be less subject to attacks by the majority Russians or others.

In the 1950s the Soviet Army disbanded its national divisions one by one in favour of mixed units, apparently in an effort to ensure loyalty to Moscow.

A recent article by the head of Azerbaijani conscription, Major General A. Kasimov, suggested a return to the system of national divisions.

Viktor Afanasev resigned yesterday as editor-in-chief of the Pravda newspaper and was replaced by a close adviser to Mikhail Gorbachev amid intensified debate over the role of the press in the Soviet leader's reform drive.

Afanasev has been under fire since Sept 18 when Pravda, the official organ of the Communist Party, reprinted an article in which Rome's La Repubblica newspaper said populist lawmaker Boris Yeltsin drank and spent his way across the United States during his nine-day tour.

The leader of a grassroots political group in the Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan was arrested today after demonstrating against bills giving legal status to Russian along with the local language, sources said.

Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin has accused Yeltsin of fibbing about a recent nocturnal escapade that left him sopping wet to the surprise of local police near a countryside hideaway for political bigwigs.

Bakatin said he was perplexed by "this very trivial and impossible-to-understand case" that started at midnight Sept 28 when Yeltsin approached police in drenching-wet clothes and said attackers had tried to kill him by stuffing a sack over his head and dumping him in the Moscow River.

"I can't say how he got wet and why his private life has led him into this situation," Bakatin said.

A senior Vatican official flew to Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet government members on the forthcoming meeting between Pope John Paul II and Gorbachev, the Vatican said.

# Hungary to hold free polls

Legislation passed

BUDAPEST, Oct 20, (UPI): The Hungarian Parliament today passed legislation that will lead to the first free elections in Hungary in 42 years.

The decision was approved overwhelmingly following a day of debate on how many candidates should be elected on individual merits and how many as members of the various political parties.

Several MPs argued the draft which had been ironed out at the opposition round-table favoured individual candidates over those of political parties.

The result was a compromise in which deputies in the new 386-seat Parliament will be elected from three lists.

A total of 176 places will be reserved for independent candidates, who would need 750 valid signatures of potential voters to be placed on the ballot.

Another 152 regional constituencies will be contested by

the more than a dozen political parties that have sprung up in the past year or so in Hungary — including the New Socialist Party, the successor to the old Socialist Workers Party or Communist Party, which is trying to put on a new democratic image in the run-up to the elections.

The remaining 58 places will be reserved for a "national list" comprising representatives of the political parties according to their strength.

All seats will be contested in the election, which will be held before next June.

In a speech today, Interior Minister Istvan Horvath persuaded Parliament to go along with the arrangement, saying, "we must honour" the political agreement reached at the opposition round-table.

The round-table arrangement was signed last month between several opposition political parties, the government and the

then-Socialist Workers Party. However, two opposition groups, the Young Democrats and the Alliance of Free Democrats, refused to agree to the agreement on electoral reform and did not sign the agreement.

The adoption of a republican constitution by Hungary's Parliament put the Eastern European country ahead of Poland and other Soviet bloc satellites on the tortuous path to pluralist democracy.

The amended document abandoned the hardline Soviet-style constitution that was adopted in 1949 and left no more than 10 per cent of the original text untouched. It dropped the word "socialist," which commonly denotes communism in the communist world.

Hungary took a major step away from its communist past today by condemning the Soviet intervention of 1956.

# Bulgaria gets US rebukes

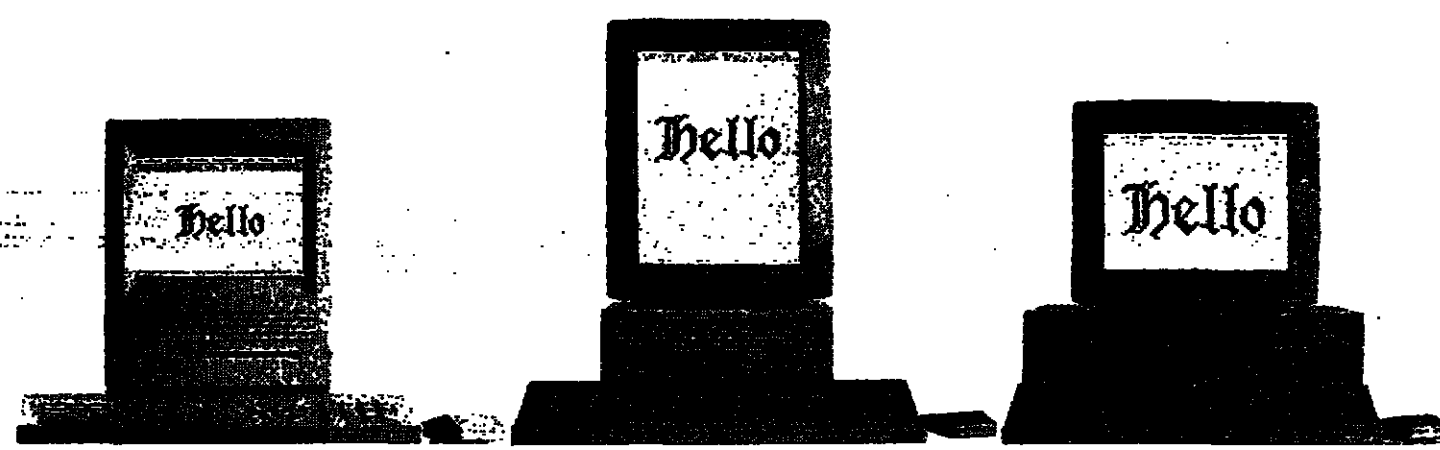
SOFIA, Oct 20, (Reuters): The United States attacked Bulgaria's human rights record yesterday and accused Sofia of oppressing the country's ethnic Turkish minority.

US representative Joshua Gilder, attending a 35-nation environmental conference in Sofia, appealed to Bulgaria's communist authorities to end the forcible assimilation of the country's 1.5 million ethnic Turks.

"The refugees ... speak of the destruction of their culture, the denial even of their names, of people fined and beaten simply for speaking Turkish in private conversation," the US delegate told the conference.

More than 310,000 ethnic Turkish Bulgarians have emigrated to Turkey, saying they were victims of forced cultural assimilation in Bulgaria.

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# Reagan in Tokyo

TOKYO, Oct 20, (UPI): Former US president Reagan, accompanied by his wife Nancy, flew into Tokyo aboard a chartered jetliner today to begin a nine-day visit to Japan, including an audience with Emperor Hirohito and Empress Michiko.

"Japan has responsibility for more than its own success. Japan must anticipate and respond to the challenges and demands from the other countries of the world," Reagan said in an arrival statement.

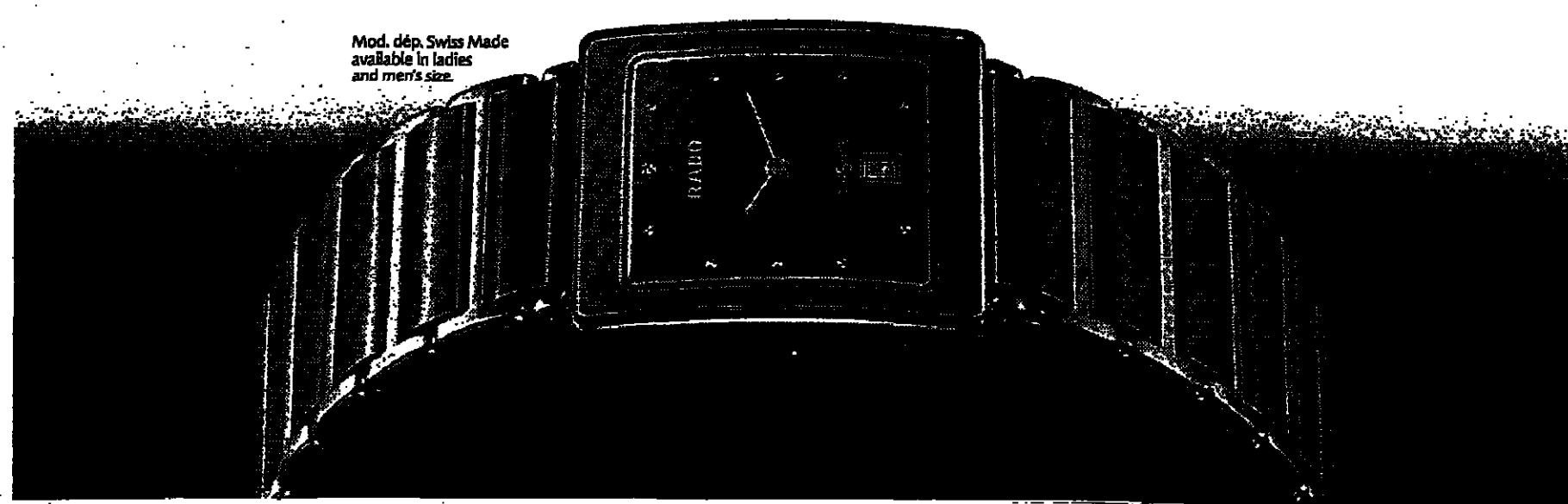
He added: "We are partners and we are allies. But we are more than allies — we are friends."

A special TWA jetliner, carrying Reagan and his party, arrived at Tokyo International Airport in downtown Tokyo at 2pm today.

His arrival was preceded by a government announcement Friday that Reagan will be conferred the Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum, the highest honour presented to a civilian by the Japanese government.

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## Action Line

AN American family has sought our help to find the whereabouts of a nanny/domestic helper who worked for them between 1977 and 1979. They are seeking reunion with Mary Pettin D'Souza who worked for them at the Al Marzouk Pearl during those years. Is she still in Kuwait, or anyone knows her whereabouts, please contact the Arab Times. Tel: 4813566 ext. 285 to leave a message or contact 3721814.

**WHAT** is the procedure to bring a new born baby to Kuwait after her mother delivers in her country of origin.

**An expectant mother.** YOU can bring the infant to Kuwait in you hold a family residence — No. 22, or work permit No. 18.

If you have a family residence, all you have to do is to get the child's name endorsed in the mother's passport, or make a separate passport, and get a visit visa from the Kuwait embassy in your country. Within two weeks of arrival in Kuwait, you must complete formalities and obtain a residence permit for the child. This includes medical tests.

If both parents work in Kuwait, holding No. 18 visa (employed in the private sector), one of the parents can sponsor the child. You can obtain a visit visa from the Kuwait embassy in your country of origin, or in Kuwait, and after the child's arrival, you must get the residence stamped on the passport after completing all formalities, including medical tests.

In the above two cases, an entry permit can be obtained by the father in Kuwait.

We would like to stress that the issuance of a visa depends on the discretion of the Department of Immigration, which reserves the right to accept or reject an application.

Mothers holding visa No. 20 are not permitted to bring their children to Kuwait.

**I HAVE** been working as a tailor in Kuwait since 1986. I hold visa No. 20. Am I allowed to get married to a man who is currently working here? Is it true that a person holding visa No. 20 is not allowed to marry a person with visa No. 18? Could you please advise.

**Ms Cancerian** ALTHOUGH you did not ask the question, we would like to inform you that holders of visa No. 20 are only permitted to work as domestic helpers. Holding any other job, like that of a seamstress, is considered illegal. We suggest you try to obtain a work permit — No. 18 visa — to continue to work as a tailor in a shop.

Marriage is a personal matter. It is not true that a person with No. 20 visa cannot marry a person with No. 18 visa. You can get married to anyone you want, in accordance with your religious rites. However, a woman holding No. 20 visa, cannot keep her children in Kuwait.

**I AM** a housemaid and have been working here for about one year and 10 months. My employer didn't pay my salary since July. I have asked him several times, but he never responds, and if he does, he asks me why I need the money. I need the money for my family back home.

**I'll** complete my contract in two months time. I've asked him to send me back to the Philippines. But he is not ready to do that either. I don't know what to do.

**N.N. Mariano** DOMESTIC helpers are not covered by the labour law. If he has not paid four months salary, you can seek your embassy's help to get back pay. Your embassy officials may be able to persuade your employer to pay your salary.

The best thing would be to explain your situation to your employer and gain his sympathy, so that he feels it is important to pay your salary.

**A LADY** was on a dependent visa for a year; she then got a job and worked for the next five years. Now, she wishes to resign and go back to her husband's sponsorship, who qualifies under the salary limits. Can the transfer be done locally without her going out of the country?

**Narayan M.** A LOCAL transfer can be done only if the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour accepts your application. If it does, you can apply for the transfer of residence.

The rules say that she must cancel her work permit, leave the country and re-enter Kuwait on a fresh visa. As the husband qualifies under the salary limit, this should not be a difficult procedure.

**MY** handbaggage was taken before boarding the plane by one airline staff on Aug 17. He told me that the cabin was crowded and we, a family of six, could not take the hand baggage with us. The flight was via Bahrain, Bombay to Trivandrum. As I did not get the hand baggage in Bombay, I made the necessary complaints. I also checked personally at the lost baggage counter in Bombay and Kuwait.

**I did** not find the baggage. I had money, electronic goods and other valuables in the bag, worth KD891 in direct material and consequential losses. I wrote to the Customer Services Department of the airline, but have so far not received any response. How do I take legal action to get compensation?

**C.D. Anthony** WE made enquiries on your behalf with the airline you mentioned in the letter. Your letter dated Aug 13 reached their Bahrain office on Oct 15, which according to an airline spokeswoman was acknowledged by them. A letter of acknowledgment was posted to you from Bahrain on Oct 16, after diverting your communication to the Consumer Affairs Department, which handles such complaints. A telex, instituting an enquiry, has also been sent to their Bombay office.

The normal procedure in such cases is to first investigate the matter before settling accounts. Investigation takes between a week to a month, after which the airline will contact the customer, you, telling you about their findings. All aspects, including who took the baggage from you at the Kuwait airport (security or airline staff) will be investigated.

IATA rules say that \$20 per kilo be given for checked-in lost baggage. Compensation for lost hand-baggage varies, according to merits of individual cases. As such cases are infrequent, there are no hard and fast rules.

Once the compensation is decided, and paid to you, and if you are dissatisfied with the settlement, you can go to court (hire a lawyer to file a case against the airline) to claim losses.

If you have a problem or need advice on any subject we will do our best to help you. Drop in a line to: Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait. Or fax your questions to Tel. No: 4847495.

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# Ioms to probe Islamic legality of transplants

## Symposium opens October 23

THE fifth seminar of the Islamic Organisation for Medical Sciences (IOMS) is scheduled to open in Kuwait on October 23 at the Sheraton Hotel, in co-operation with the Islamic Fiqh Section of the Islamic Conference Organisation based in Jeddah.

The four-day seminar is intended to discuss and probe into the legality, from an Islamic perspective, of transplanting cells of the neurological system by using an embryo as a donor.

The age of a potential donor embryo and the legality of terminating its life are the key areas that the symposium will address. The symposium will also discuss sex organ transplant to fight inborn sterility in both sexes.

This approach involves giving a healthy testicle or an ovary to a sterile recipient. Donors are often parents planning no more offspring, or those killed in accidents.

The opening ceremony will be held at the premises of the IOMS at Sabah Health Area in Shuwaikh and Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi is expected to

delivery the key note-address in his capacity as chairman of the IOMS. Dr Bakr Abu Zaid, chairman of the Islamic Fiqh, Dr Mohammed Baikhoujah, secretary general and Dr Ali Al Saif are also expected to deliver speeches at the opening ceremony.



Gulf English School holds careers day

Local companies were recently invited to the Gulf English School to give the senior students an insight to possible jobs after their graduation. Robert Sheffield, Principal, said "so many of our students receive their graduation diplomas and wonder what now? So we invited local companies to help answer their questions."

Representatives from Kuwait Airways, Photo &

Cine, Kuwait International Hotel and Gulf Bank were present at the Careers Day advising students on the best direction their further education should take if they wished to join any of the companies or related fields.

To answer questions on further education advisors were present from the British & Canadian councils, American, Swiss and French embassies.

## Work permits provided without discrimination

### Security clause to ensure wages

THERE is absolutely no basis for rumours that work permits are issued on the sole consideration of nationality, Mohammed Shaban Al Thamer, assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour said.

Workers in Kuwait are represented from a cross-section of 120 nationalities and the authorities permit absolute freedom to the employer in selecting his employee from any country in the world, the official said.

Speaking on the issue of the labour law in the private sector, Thamer commented that the employee should have completed a minimum of three years of service with an employer prior to seeking a transfer to another employer.

The new amendment is intended to achieve public interest and also to protect the worker himself, as the employee can have his work permit for a period of three years.

Called on to explain the reasons why a large number of

work permits are issued to Asian workers, Thamer said that most of the grand projects are being carried out by Asian contracting companies who employ Asian labour.

However, the official clarified that these workers leave the country on completion of their respective contracts and added that all requests for manpower are strictly scrutinised by the authorities.

Quiried as to the reasons why Kuwaiti nationals are given priority by the ministry for employment at the private sector companies, Thamer said that the decision is in line with the constitutional laws of Kuwait. In effect, these laws state that every Kuwaiti national has the right to work at any job he desires. The new decision is intended to fulfill the spirit of the law and it is hoped that a number of Kuwaiti employees will increase in the private sector.

He went on to state that the Kuwaiti labour law does not dis-

tinguish between males and females. However, the law does take into consideration Islamic guidelines that respect the capabilities of women to take up certain jobs. However, the law does not distinguish between males and females with respect to wages.

In a move designed to protect the rights of workers at the private sector, the ministry has issued a charter of financial securities. This relates to the stipulation that the employer should pay KD250 as a security fund for each worker where the firm employs up to 500 workers; KD200 for each worker if the firm employs between 501 to 1,000 workers and KD150 for each worker if employees exceed 1,001.

This security clause has been incorporated to ensure that all workers will receive their due payments. The ministry will reimburse workers who have not received their legitimate monetary dues, the official said.

## Unesco urged to enhance development

PARIS, Oct 20, (Kuna): Kuwait Wednesday renewed its call for international efforts to remove barriers blocking development in the Third World and urged Unesco to get more actively involved in enhancing world peace, development and environment protection.

Kuwait's Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri made the call in his address to the 25th conference here of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Unesco, on the second day of the international party.

He reiterated a call by HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed that creditor nations write off parts of Third World debts and scrap interest accrued on those debts.

The Kuwaiti officials accused the Israeli occupation authorities of sidestepping UN resolutions concerning the status of Jerusalem and Unesco recommendations intended to preserve the Arab and the multi-religion character of the occupied holy city.

He stressed that the world community has a responsibility to live up to in standing up to the Israeli inhuman practices.

Nouri also said Kuwait calls for international efforts to help Lebanon emerge from its 14-year-old civil war united, secure and sovereign.

**Gap**

The minister said Kuwait denounces all forms of racial discrimination, especially the apartheid policy of South Africa and hopes that the people of Namibia will win independence in the near future.

Unesco said Nouri hopes to spearhead world efforts to consolidate world peace, accelerate development in Third World countries through closing the gap between the industrialized nations and the developing ones.

Environment protection is yet another area where the international body can be actively involved, he said.

On Unesco affairs, Nouri deplored that the organisation has failed to recognise the role and wealth of the Arab culture.

He said the current international decade for development and culture can set the stage for strengthening links between Arab countries and Unesco.

## Euro-Arab symposium

### Joint editorial committee proposed

TUNIS, Oct 20, (Kuna): The fifth Euro-Arab symposium for the directors of news agencies concluded its meetings here Wednesday by adopting a host of resolutions concerning co-operation between the two sides.

The participants hailed the services which the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) extends through the Fana bulletin, which is prepared by Kuwait News Agency, and described it as a big achievement and a solid basis for increasing the flow of Arab news into Europe.

The meeting proposed forming a joint Arab-European editorial committee to evaluate the service which Fana extends

and to recommend ways of improving it.

The meeting also proposed that the European news agencies carry out weekly or monthly evaluation for the Fana bulletin and to discuss their recommendations by the executive committee at its next session.

### Exchanges

The symposium assigned the executive committee to discuss the technical and organisational problems that face the exchange of photos among news agencies of both sides.

It emphasised the need for increasing the exchange of visits by staffers of news agencies in order to consolidate relations

between journalists and to bolster understanding and exchange of viewpoints.

The meeting also called for a joint meeting for technical experts representing the news agencies of both sides to study technical and technological issues. The date of this meeting is to be decided by the forthcoming executive committee meetings.

The symposium decided that the executive committee includes as members Kuwait News Agency and Saudi and Moroccan News Agencies as well as Fana. From the European side the members of the committee would be the Austrian, Finnish, Czechoslovak and German News Agencies.



Lord Coleridge at the Al Ghanim Tours office during his visit.

## Lord Coleridge visits Kuwait

LAST week saw the arrival to Kuwait of Lord Coleridge who is the Overseas Director for the International Tour Company Abercrombie & Kent. When interviewed at the end of his visit Lord Coleridge said:

"My company has worked very closely with British Airways for a number of years and I was delighted to be invited to this fascinating country as their guest. I have certainly combined business with pleasure and am very pleased to have formed an association with Al Ghanim Tours whereby they will promote tours out of the state and organise the international flights while Abercrombie & Kent Worldwide Network of operating/ground handling offices will take over responsibility of the clients on their arrival at this destination."

"I believe that this association combining the good reputation and experience of these two quality

organisations will ensure the highest possible quality and satisfaction for our clients."

Lord Coleridge, who was an officer in the Coldstream Guards and who did spells of duty with both the Kings African Rifles and the Parachute Regiment, joined Abercrombie & Kent twelve years ago. Because of his experience in Kenya as both a soldier and later a game warden he was ideally suited to the Safari side of Abercrombie & Kent operation. Later he was posted to Saudi Arabia as Resident Director Middle East. This however was his first visit to Kuwait. Asked for his impression of the potential Lord Coleridge replied "the State of Kuwait is ideally sited geographically for many exciting destinations. The opportunities for travel are for the taking and on behalf of Abercrombie & Kent I look forward to welcoming visitors from Kuwait on their arrival in Africa, Egypt, the Far East, India and Australasia."

## Bahrain's efforts at combatting illiteracy hailed

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 20, (Kuna): Unesco, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Wednesday hailed Bahrain's successful efforts in combatting illiteracy, a major task currently confronting the agency.

At a news conference, the director of Unesco's liaison office, Andri Isaksson, said Bahrain has succeeded in cutting the illiteracy rate for persons aged ten to 44 from 19.5 per cent in 1981 to 7.5 per cent this year.

Furthermore, Bahrain is planning a new programme in connection with the Inter-

national Literacy Year aimed at bringing that figure to under five per cent in the next year alone, he said.

The General Assembly has proclaimed 1990 as International Literacy Year.

Here are the aims of International Literacy Year, according to Isaksson:

1 - To increase action by the world community to ensure that every child can find a place in school, and that illiterate youths and adults can receive instruction in reading, writing and other basic skills.

2 - To promote public awareness of the

extent of and damage done by illiteracy.

3 - To intensify public awareness everywhere.

4 - To strengthen solidarity among nations for co-operation within the UN family with the purpose of achieving a literate world.

One of the main goals of the year is to launch a decade-long plan of action to combat illiteracy, and I'm happy to report to you that, in this regard, 78 national committees for International Literacy Year are already busy working on programmes for the year," Isaksson said.

## Zayed cables

ABU DHABI, Oct 20, (Kuna): UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan has described Arab gatherings as signs of good omen and that the Arab nation is marching toward co-operation and solidarity.

This came in two cables Sheikh Zayed sent to both Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Libyan Leader Muammar Khaddafi on the occasion of their summit meetings lately in Egypt and Tobruk, Libya.







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## Thought for today

To keep your character intact you cannot stoop to filthy acts. It makes it easier to stoop the next time — Katherine Hepburn, US actress (1909—).

## Teaching on despite war

## AUB welcomes students

ITS campus gates guarded by Lebanese and Syrian soldiers, the American University of Beirut welcomed 5,500 students this month behind a shield of sandbags piled around classrooms, offices and dormitories.

Once a centre of Western academic excellence in the Middle East, the AUB has suffered with the rest of Lebanon from the years of conflict which have ravaged the country.

Senior foreign staff have left the AUB, which now has only three non-Lebanese faculty members out of 400 compared with nearly a third of the total in 1975.

Those professors who hold out, however, said they do so because of their faith in AUB's importance and their role in it.

"I was tempted to leave but I didn't," said Dr Tariq Al Khalidi, professor of history and cultural studies.

"It is much more satisfying to teach at AUB than before," said Khalidi, an Oxford University graduate. "Because you're not only teaching but helping to shore up a collapsed building."

The campus, with 73 acres of trees, athletic fields, tennis courts and gardens overlooking the Mediterranean, bears scars from the latest shelling which ended with a ceasefire last month after six months of the worst bombardments in Lebanon's 14 years of civil war.

AUB vice-president Dr Ibrahim Salti said 85 shells hit the campus in Muslim west Beirut, killing one member of staff and causing damage estimated at \$2 million.

Although the fighting forced AUB to close in late March, its sister institution, the American University Hospital (AUH) not only stayed open but worked round the clock.

Salti said the hospital treated three-quarters of west Beirut's casualties in the shelling, which killed more than 800 people and wounded 3,400.

"Our emergency room was functioning 24 hours a day. We were able to take a big load but with great difficulty. We were short of water, electricity, oxygen, medicine and nurses," Salti said.

The hospital had to rely on its own generators and wells as the city mains supplies of water and power were cut.

The medical school held classes in bomb shelters and teachers moved from their homes to bedrooms and dining rooms hidden in basements.

Medical students at AUB, which is linked to AUH by a tunnel, were thrown in at the deep end when they helped a short-staffed surgery team operating day and night during the bombardments.

Salti said AUB was short of money because most casualties treated by the hospital were too poor to pay.

He added that tuition fees from students were at most a third of the cost of their education with the remainder met by donations, which had dwindled this year from \$6 million to \$3.5 million.

But despite the pressures, AUB remains a beacon of knowledge and culture in Beirut's sea of destruction.

Walking through the iron gates is like stepping into a new world, bustling with student life amid green trees and lawns that are clean in contrast to the deserted garbage-strewn city outside.

"The joy of teaching here is far greater than anywhere else in the world, except perhaps in other collapsing countries. It is a great feeling, one is made to feel so wanted," said Khalidi.

"AUB is associated with a secular, non-sectarian open Lebanon," added the history professor. "One is proud to be a teacher but also part of a society struggling to survive."

Founded in 1866 by missionaries as the Syrian Protestant College, the New York-chartered university has educated the elite of the Arab world. It was renamed AUB in 1920.

It expects to admit 1,000 new students this year from 12,000 applicants. Standards have stayed high despite threats by some students linked to militias who demand better grades than they earn.

Hardly a student has been expelled since the start of the civil war in 1975 in case of revenge attacks on AUB.

"The authority structure collapsed in the war," said Maroun Kesrawani, head of the Political Science Department. "Professors want to muddle through... to get going without rocking the boat."

Lebanon's conflict has steadily eroded the university's once-famous cosmopolitan intellectual atmosphere. Half its students were foreigners in 1975. The majority is now Lebanese.

AUB's role as one of the few places in Beirut for Christians and Muslims to meet has also declined. Now 13 per cent of its students are Christian compared with 43 per cent in 1975.

The university has suffered from a wave of Muslim fundamentalism, kidnappings and assassinations.

Three AUB staff, two Americans and a Briton, are among 19 Westerners still missing in Lebanon, believed kidnapped.

"The place did not reflect the instability, turmoil of various political factions and ideologies... the lack of a state," said Kesrawani, one of a handful of Christians still teaching at AUB.

"But regardless of the groups or waves which may dominate, AUB remains a great cultural centre, a melting pot," he added.

Khalidi said the AUB was compensated for the loss of its cosmopolitan character by the intake of a better calibre of student and larger numbers from less affluent backgrounds.

"They benefited from a certain kind of cynicism bred by the war which makes them discriminating students," he said.

(Beirut — Reuters).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1652 — France's King Louis XIV returns to Paris as Fronde uprising is crushed.
- 1805 — England's Lord Nelson defeats Franco-Spanish fleet at Trafalgar and is mortally wounded.
- 1847 — Sonderbund war begins in Switzerland.
- 1879 — American Thomas A. Edison invents electric lamp.
- 1904 — Russian fleet fires upon British warships in North Sea.
- 1913 — Royalist uprising in Portugal fails.
- 1916 — Austria's premier, Count Carl Sturgkhi, is assassinated.
- 1938 — Japanese troops take Canton in China.
- 1945 — Women vote for first time in France.
- 1947 — UN General Assembly asks Greece and Balkan powers to settle differences peacefully.
- 1961 — President Gamal Abdel Nasser confiscate property of wealthy Egyptians.
- 1963 — Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro asks for immediate end of United States' economic blockade of Cuba.
- 1969 — Army coup in Somalia follows assassination of President Shermarke; Willy Brandt becomes first socialist chancellor in West Germany's 20-year history.
- 1972 — North Vietnam's Premier Phan Van Dong says his government is ready to accept ceasefire as first step toward settlement of Vietnam war.
- 1973 — Four Arabian Gulf states cut off oil supplies to United States to protest US arms shipments to Israel in Middle East conflict.
- 1988 — Sources say US government plans to seek indictment against deposed Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos on racketeering and fraud charges.

## A pillar of Communism falls

## Victim of unstoppable changes

WITH the demise of East German leader Erich Honecker goes one of the most solid pillars of communism in Eastern Europe, a new and unexpected victim of the apparently unstoppable changes sweeping through the region.

Honecker, along with Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and to a lesser extent the Bulgarian and Czechoslovak leaders, had been considered part of a "rejectionist front" opposed to the reforms launched by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

All were deeply suspicious of the moves by their Warsaw Pact allies Poland and Hungary to scrap one-party communist rule imposed since the late 1940s in favour of multi-party democracy, and to adopt market-oriented economies.

But the flight of tens of thousands of East Germans to West Germany in recent months and big demonstrations in the last few weeks to demand reforms overwhelmed even the tough, self-confident Honecker, unchallenged leader for the past 18 years.

Western analysts were quick to interpret the departure of the 77-year-old Honecker, who announced on Wednesday that he was quitting for health reasons, as an attempt by his fellow leaders to stage off major reforms rather than embrace them.

"They decided that changing leaders was much easier than changing policies. It's been the classic device in communist countries for years," said George Schoepflin of London's School of Slavonic and East European studies.

But Schoepflin doubted that Honecker's successor, 52-year-old security chief Egon Krenz, could resist mounting pressure for change. "My gut feeling is it has gone too far. He might hold the line, but I'm sceptical," he said.

The replacement of Honecker means that four of the seven Warsaw Pact countries have changed their leaders in the past two years.

Gustav Husak was replaced as Czechoslovak Communist Party leader by Milos Jakes in December 1987, retaining only the figurehead post of head of state.

Last year, Janos Kadar was ousted as Hungarian party leader. The ruling Socialist Workers Party, which he led for more than 30 years, renamed itself the Socialist Party this month under the leadership of reformist Rezzo Nyers.

And in Poland, General Wojciech Jaruzelski this year gave up the leadership of the Communist Party to become the country's president. Since August the government has been run by the Solidarity movement, with Tadeusz Mazowiecki as prime minister.

The old guard has now been reduced to Romania's Ceausescu, 71, who has been party leader since 1965 and president since 1967, and Bulgaria's Todor Zhivkov, 78, party leader since 1954 and head of state since 1971.

Both seem to be in firm control of their countries and brook little or no dissent, though Bulgaria appears to have temporarily relaxed its clampdown on dissidents during a 35-nation ecology conference in Sofia.

In Czechoslovakia, Jakes has pursued only limited economic reforms with little attempt at political changes.

But dissidents, Western diplomats and even some party members in Czechoslovakia consider it only a matter of time before new leaders emerge and the country starts down the Polish and Hungarian road. (London-Reuters)



Erich Honecker looks over a bust of Karl Marx. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Crown Prince' takes over

EGON KRENTZ, the new East German leader, a longtime heir apparent to Erich Honecker, whom he replaced Wednesday, is considered a hardline communist like his predecessor and most of the 21 politburo members.

But unlike his colleagues, the former secretary for security issues, youth and sport does not belong to the old-guard of Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED), the Communist Party.

Aged 52, Krenz is the youngest member of the ruling politburo, but his views are believed to have been strongly influenced by Honecker, a staunch communist.

A tough, skilled speaker, Krenz has been considered the "crown prince" of Honecker for several years, and enjoyed the backing of many politburo members, many of whom were considered too old to take over from 77-year-old Honecker.

Like his predecessor, Krenz rose through the ranks of the young communist mass organization and the state security apparatus.

Born March 19, 1937 in the northern town of Kolberg, the son of a tailor, Krenz joined the Free Democratic Youth (FDJ) communist movement at the age of 16 and became a mem-

ber of the SED two years later.

He quickly rose to the rank of secretary in the FDJ's central council before studying social sciences at the Communist Party High School in Moscow from 1964 to 1967.

Married to a Russian, Krenz has maintained good relations with the Soviet Union, in spite of Honecker's repeated rejections of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's recent calls for reform in East Germany.

On his return from university, Krenz was promoted within the FDJ, eventually becoming its leader, like Honecker before him.

In 1971 he was admitted to the SED's Central Committee and again followed in Honecker's footsteps, when he was admitted to the powerful politburo and given the key responsibility for security issues in 1983.

Western diplomats in East Berlin consider Krenz a skilled but not widely popular politician, particularly since he ordered a major crackdown against critics in 1987. Krenz also expressed backing for the crushing of pro-democracy movements by the Chinese authorities earlier this year.

Krenz, a father of two reportedly suffers from diabetes. (UPI).

## Caution and disappointment in West Germany

WEST GERMAN politicians reacted to the emergence of Egon Krenz as East German party leader with a mixture of caution and disappointment on Thursday.

Reluctant to brand the new leader as the orthodox communist he has long been known as, politicians from left to right were almost unanimous in suggesting Bonn should wait and see whether Krenz would introduce long-overdue reforms.

A few voices expressed hope, but it was a hope that Krenz, 52, who took over from veteran hardliner Erich Honecker on Wednesday, would soon make way for a reformer ready to make the changes that East Germans have been demanding for years.

"Of course we're all disappointed because this is not a new start," said Fred Oldenburg, an East German specialist at the Federal Institute for East European and International Studies.

"I assume (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev is also disappointed," he told Reuters. "But more

change was apparently not possible right now."

It would be hard to find an East German politician with a worse image in West Germany than Krenz, a career party man and long-time security chief who praised Peking for its bloody crushing of the pro-democracy student movement last June.

By comparison, Honecker, the 77-year-old swept aside by the clamour for reform, has found some sympathy in the West German media looking back at the man and how much contact he allowed between the two Germanies in his 18 years in power.

Klaus Boelling, a former Bonn envoy in East Berlin wrote Krenz off during a television discussion as a small-minded apparatchik with none of Honecker's political stature.

"This Krenz already struck me on his first day in power as a man who had come too late," said Boelling, whose Social Democratic Party (SPD) is in opposition.

But Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right government, which has the tricky job of negotiating

with East Berlin, has publicly sought the brighter side in comments that hardly concealed its private reaction.

"I do not want to spend too much time going over the past or analysing (Krenz's inaugural) speech," Chancellor Minister Rudolf Seiters, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's main adviser on policy towards East Germany, told a radio interviewer.

"Everyone knows scepticism is called for. The next few days and weeks will show whether the new leadership can make good the complete loss of confidence the party has suffered."

Outfitted Hennig, state secretary in Bonn's Ministry for Inner-German Affairs, held out a small ray of hope that Krenz could surprise his critics.

"It would not be the first time in politics that someone got a new job and started making new noises," he told another radio interviewer. "But if he doesn't do that, he will only be a transitory figure in East Germany." (Bonn — Reuters).

## Long on rhetoric, short on action

## Deliberation marks Bush foreign policy

US President George Bush, who concedes he is no crusader, is winning mixed reviews for a cautious foreign policy that seems directed more at avoiding error than at seizing opportunities.

Whether lamenting China's June crackdown on student dissidents or trying to prod US ally Israel towards peace talks with the Palestinians, Bush prefers persuasion and compromise to coercion.

Critics say he is often long on rhetoric, short on action. But some foreign affairs experts say his style is effective for long-standing problems where progress is measured in increments.

They say that while caution excludes dramatic actions typical of ex-President Ronald Reagan, such as the 1986 US bombing of Libyan cities, it rules out ill-conceived initiatives like Reagan's dispatch of US marines to Lebanon where hundreds were killed to no avail.

"Bush's tendency is to try to slow things down and consider his options and not do the wrong thing," says Helmut Sonnenfeldt of the private Brookings Institution.

The limitations of Bush's approach were revealed by this month's cup attempt against Panamanian leader Manuel Antonio Noriega, whose ousting he had loudly and publicly urged.

Bush appeared uncertain and did not act decisively enough to topple Noriega. Experts said Bush was wise to keep US troops on the sidelines, but some said he reached that decision by default — waiting until it was too late for action.

"There is a price for prudence, on which the Bush administration lauds itself. Too much deliberation can lead to paralysis or ineffectiveness," says former Reagan arms negotiator Kenneth Adelman.

Bush, who said during the 1988 presidential campaign he was not the sort to lead a crusade, has at times left the impression he would only commit US troops if he could be guaranteed bloodless victories



President Bush: compromise

— an impossible dream. "I wouldn't mind using force if it could be done in a prudent manner," he told reporters. "I have at

stake the lives of American kids, and I am not going to easily thrust them into a battle unless I feel comfortable with it."

Many experts believe the United States should be bolder in promoting reforms in Poland and Hungary, in the vanguard of change in communist Eastern Europe. Bush has made more US aid conditional on yet more economic reform.

"The Polish experiment... is not an orderly process, capable of being fine-tuned, but a revolution that demands bold strokes of statesmanship," says Robert Hunter, a White House aide under Jimmy Carter.

Hunter, now an analyst at the private Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said Bush lacked an overall foreign policy and was slow to involve.

"We need an integrated approach to what we want to happen in Central Europe," he said. But he said Bush's extensive consultations with officials and experts and his preference for precise information had worked well on day-to-day affairs.

Bush won plaudits when he unveiled a new US plan for conventional arms cuts in May. And talks last month between Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze led to arms control understandings that silenced many who had accused Bush of timidity in dealing with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's initiatives.

Bush, a former diplomat, has won praise for his personal skills.

Foreign policy specialists praised his conduct during visits in July to Poland and Hungary, where he avoided overheated rhetoric that might have alarmed Moscow, praised both reformers and Communist Party leaders and credited Gorbachev with creating an environment for reform. (Washington — Reuters)

## Displeasing news

SIR: On Sept 30, '89, there was a displeasing news on the front page of the Arab Times... discontinuation of Urdu supplement.

Before I proceed, I should thank the Arab Times authority for the Urdu supplement for all these years. Urdu being a foreign language of this country, Arab Times had given importance to the language and expatriates reading Urdu, thank you very much.

There could be various reasons for the discontinuation of the Urdu supplement, which the readers should not know necessarily, but it may be better if the readers are told about that, need not be in detail.

There were various advantages of the Urdu supplement:

1. Non-English readers had the opportunity to get the local and foreign news. Change or new laws passed by the Kuwait government were made known and understood easily, which is an important factor for expatriates.

2. There are many English readers who are fond of reading Urdu for selected topics, such as the daily column of verses translated from the Holy Quran, the column of Hadiths and other Islamic topics, literary items and other variety, which appeared at times.

3. Every individual will have his/her own reason.

4. The discontinuation of Urdu supplement may affect daily sales.

I request the Arab Times to give a second thought on this issue and re-start the Urdu supplement.

Once again, thanks for your Urdu supplement for all these years.

Ashraf Ismail  
Safat.

## Biased towards Urdu

SIR: This refers to the letter by Syed Manzoor Alam of Lucknow (A.T. 18.10.88) in which he supported the decision to discontinue Urdu pages in the Arab Times. He also tried to insult the Urdu readers by saying that they did not really like to pay 150 fils for only two pages and look forward to borrow the newspapers.

I am not at all surprised on his narrow mindedness and biased ideology towards Urdu speaking people. In fact we are the most generous people who pay 150 fils for two pages while he gets the lion's share and still has his eyes on mere two more Urdu pages.

I don't understand his logic that Urdu readers do not like to pay 150 fils for two pages and throw the 16 pages into dustbin. From where these Urdu readers get 16 pages when they really do not want to pay 150 fils as Mr Alam claims. The Urdu pages were being published since last many years and its readers did not complain that they didn't get enough news worth their money.

The authorities were trying their best to satisfy the needs of Urdu readers. The standard of these two or sometimes 3-4 pages were raised as well. I am sure the authorities will respect the feelings of Urdu readers and republish the Urdu pages.

I shall also suggest the authorities to publish the Urdu pages in a separate section, if possible.

Haroon Rashid Ansari,  
Fahaeel.

## Quote me

"We followed with deep concern the provocative attempts by the Zionist regime to lay the foundation stone of what it called the renovation of the Mountain Temple near Al Aqsa mosque in occupied Jerusalem. This, which shakes the sentiment of Muslims, is a flagrant defiance to Islam and Islamic belief." — H.H. the Amir, chairman of the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, condemning Israeli desecration of Islamic shrines in the occupied territories.

"He had nothing to lose and he played unbelievably, but people do not put up \$130,000 for guys to give up without a fight. The people who put up the money and the people who come to watch want to see guys who play tennis until they die." — American Jimmy Connors after beating Miguel Nido of Puerto Rico in the quarterfinal of the Tel Aviv Tennis Grand Prix.

"Rescheduling is not on the cards at all. Rescheduling means accepting conditions of the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and this means giving up the freedom of social, economic and political decision." — Algerian Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche flaying IMF policies and ruling out rescheduling of Algerian debts.

"We must declare an international war on waste and on all unnecessary use of hard currency. In this way we will have the means to control the situation... not by asking foreigners to run our affairs." — Mouloud Hamrouche advocating thrift to salvage the Algerian economy.

"Real looked cautious to me because I'm sure they have not digested the 5-0 (defeat) in April." — AC Milan's Dutch star Marco van Basten said of Wednesday's match.

"We are confident of going to Italy. When we qualify and all our players are available, I think we'll be one of the favourites to win the title." — Ronald Koeman of Netherlands talking of their possible chances if they qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

"I feel very well. I am inspired." — Walter Sisulu to reporters on arriving home after 26 years in jail.

"I like speaking Russian. I'm quite comfortable doing it." — Natalia Zvereva joking with reporters after her match.

"We have been sandwiched between the Tigers and the EPRLF. All this time we were maintaining neutrality and now taking one side will cost us our lives." — A Sri Lankan journalist on the risks of siding with the Tigers or EPRLF, both rebel groups fighting the government.

"I was hired by Enzo Ferrari three years ago to help put Ferrari back at the front. I hope I'm leaving Ferrari in that position." — said John Barnard, the designer who revived Ferrari's fortunes, is now to head a new design unit for Benetton.

"We have always held the Dalai Lama in the highest esteem as a spiritual leader, a steadfast proponent of peace and an apostle of non-violence. The Dalai Lama has been admired in this country and all over the world." — Statement by Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman Atiab Seth on the Indian reaction to Dalai Lama's Nobel award.

"The Nobel committee has during the past awarded the peace prize to political dissidents of socialist countries in order to make certain political results. And it has also taken such occasions to advocate Western ideas of 'human rights' and 'freedom' in an effort to interfere in the affairs of other countries." — The official Xinhua news agency on awarding of the Nobel peace prize to exiled Tibetan leader Dalai Lama.

"This Milan is stronger than that of last season, but the real problem is that we never shot at goal." — Real Madrid's Welsh coach, John Toshack summing up the match between Real and Italian champion AC





Assad (right) with Prince Saud Al Faisal at the presidential palace in Damascus. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Saudis optimistic after Syria talks

### Aoun asks deputies to return home

DAMASCUS, Oct 20, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister today wound-up two days of talks with Syria's leaders saying he was optimistic about saving deadlocked peace talks aimed at ending the Lebanese civil war.

But Prince Saud Al Faisal refused to tell reporters whether his discussions in Damascus had resolved the stumbling block of Lebanese Christian demands for political reforms to be linked to the guaranteed withdrawal of Syria's 33,000 troops from Lebanon.

"We had fruitful meetings here which we hope would create the appropriate climate and atmosphere to make the talks of the parliamentarian brothers... success," the Prince said.

Sixty-two Lebanese members of Parliament, equally divided between Muslims and Christians, have been meeting in the Saudi mountain resort of Ta'if for more than three weeks to try to agree on a compromise Arab League plan to end the bloodletting in Lebanon.

Prince Saud flew to Damascus bearing a message from King Fahd in a bid to break the impasse.

Lebanese Christian army commander Major-General Michel Aoun yesterday said the talks had failed and urged the deputies to return home.

"There is no use in wasting time," said Aoun.

Aoun said he hoped the Ta'if meetings had persuaded deputies that there should be no negotiations under Syrian military occupation and no reforms to the political system while the estimated 33,000 Syrian soldiers remained.

Under the proposals worked out by a peace committee of three

Arabs nations — Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria — Syria would redeploy its forces to Lebanon's Bekaa valley within two years of reforms favouring the Muslims being introduced.

Prince Saud, who had more than 10 hours of talks with President Hafez Al Assad and senior Syrians, said the Ta'if talks were crucial for Lebanon's future.

"Everybody is making efforts and initiatives to make the mission of the Parliament brothers in Ta'if a success because these talks are very important to save Lebanon," he said.

The Prince is to brief King Fahd in Saudi Arabia on his talks before resuming discussions with the Lebanese deputies.

Diplomats said that Syria was expected to reiterate its full support to the efforts of the tripartite Arab committee to find a solution to the Lebanese crisis.

The diplomats said that failure by the deputies to reach a peaceful solution would lead to renewed fighting in Lebanon.

More than 850 people were killed in six-months of battles in and around Beirut which flared between mainly Christian troops and Syria and its allies in mid-March after Aoun vowed to drive the Syrians out of Lebanon.

The French admiralty has called back to the southern port of Toulon Orage that has been patrolling in western Mediterranean since August 1989, officials said on Wednesday.

The French naval presence along the Lebanese coast has now dwindled down to one frigate — the Georges Leygues — since the aircraft carrier Foch arrived back at Toulon on Sept 25.

The remaining frigate equipped with two Lynx helicopters will fulfill transport missions.

Norwegian peacekeepers clashed for 30 minutes today with Israeli-backed militiamen who kidnapped a civilian in south Lebanon, United Nations source said.

## Rebel rockets rain on Kabul

KABUL, Oct 20, (Reuters): Mujahedeen rebels rained eight rockets on the Afghan capital yesterday, killing twelve people and ending a rare lull in the rebels' bombardment of the city.

Three landed around Kabul's airport, being used for a near-continuous airstrike of Soviet aid to the Afghan government, but others fell in residential areas, government spokesman Mohammad Amani said.

Among the dead were a teacher, his wife and child killed together when a missile landed on their house in Kabul's old city. All the dead were civilians and 35 others were injured, Amani said.

The rockets, fired from the mountainous Paghman region 30 km west of the city, were the first to hit Kabul for eight days.

By official count, nearly eight hundred Kabul residents have been killed by 1,400 rebel rockets fired at the city since the withdrawal of Soviet troops in February.

The Soviet-backed government cites the random carnage caused by the missiles, usually US-supplied Saker rockets, as evidence of the ferocity of the mujahedeen's military operations, which despite inflicting heavy casualties have made no dent on Kabul's defences.

"These are idiotic operations... the opposition are not capable of frontal battles, they can only fire rockets," Amani said.

Government forces claimed to have inflicted heavy casualties on rebel positions near the cities of Khost and Jalalabad, close to the Pakistan border, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Nearly three hundred rebel fighters had been "killed or injured" by artillery and air attacks and large caches of mujahedeen weapons seized, Amani told journalists.

Two government soldiers and five civilians had died in rebel rocket and artillery attacks on Jalalabad, he added.

Kabul's reports of fighting around the country differ widely from mujahedeen accounts and could not be independently confirmed.

The government says fighting has virtually ceased in north and central areas of Afghanistan and that most major roads were open despite mujahedeen efforts to sever transport links and lay siege to cities.

Officials declined to comment on reports from mujahedeen sources in Pakistan that a convoy of two hundred government supply trucks was under heavy attack on the road to the vulnerable city of Khost.

Long-range Soviet Scud missiles, targeted on rebel strongholds, could be seen streaking out from a military base near Kabul on Wednesday and Thursday.

Meanwhile, an Afghan diplomat has called on the Arab countries to help in halting the 10-year-old bloodshed in his country, praising Kuwait's wise and distinguished role towards the Afghan conflict.

## Bid to halt ME missiles

WASHINGTON, Oct 20, (Kuna): Concerned about the spread of Brazilian ballistic missiles to the Middle East, the Bush administration urged France not to sell Brazil rocket-motor technology that could be used to make ballistic missiles.

The New York Times quoted administration officials as saying the sale of the technology, which is intended for Brazil's space programme, would be a major setback to Western efforts to stem the spread of ballistic missiles to the Third World.

According to the officials, the Bush administration has protested to the French government against the sale and a team of State Department officials flew to Paris last week to underscore American concerns.

The dispute between Paris and Washington arose when Brazil solicited bids this year from Ariane-Space, a French company, and McDonnell Douglas, the American company, for the launching of two communications satellites. As part of a package deal, Brazil also sought rocket technology so that it could develop its own capability to launch satellites.

In an effort to win the sale, Ariane-Space presented a proposal that called for the transfer of technology for the Viking rocket motor, a liquid-fuelled rocket motor that is used in the Ariane-Space launching vehicle, according to a spokesman for the Brazilian embassy here.

Bush administration officials said the missile technology should not be provided to the Brazilian space programme because Brazil has a history of deriving military rockets from its civilian space programme.



Israeli soldiers surround a UN Relief and Works Agency car as one soldier (left) breaks into the car's front door. The soldiers arrested the Palestinian driver employed by UNRWA who had locked himself in the car. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Israel rapped for Unrwa office raid

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 20, (Reuters): United Nations officials yesterday accused Israeli authorities of violating UN by raiding its offices in the occupied territories and the secretary-general expressed concern about the incident.

Javier Perez de Cuellar said he was awaiting a report from the

UN Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) after learning "with grave concern" that Israeli soldiers broke into the agency's office in the West Bank and Gaza, detaining staff and confiscating documents.

In Vienna, the headquarters of Unrwa, agency officials said they protested to the Israeli mission to

the United Nations there as well as to Israeli authorities in the occupied territories.

"Unrwa has protested to the Israeli authorities... and discussed serious breaches of the privileges and immunities which the agency enjoys as an international body providing human-

itarian services," a statement released here said.

In Washington, the United States, implicitly criticising Israel for a second day, said it disapproved of attempts to interfere with United Nations relief and welfare agencies in the occupied territories.

### US accuses Shamir of hindering peace

## Activists kill 2 collaborators

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 20, (Agencies): Palestinian activists in the occupied territories killed two Arabs and seriously beat another today, the army and hospital staff said.

Palestinians said activists of the unified national leadership of the 22-month-old uprising killed Harb Auda Aiysha, 41, during prayers in a Bureij refugee camp mosque in the Gaza Strip.

The sources said Aiysha was active in the Islamic fundamentalist movement Hamas, which has challenged the uprising leadership in Gaza during the revolt.

In the West Bank city of Nablus an Arab suspected of working with Israel was found stabbed to death in the old marketplace, the army said.

Local residents said masked activists kidnapped Tahir Abu Saleh, 24, yesterday, stabbed him and left his body in a peddler's cart.

Palestinians severely beat Zidan Muhammad Nejem, 39, in Gaza's Nuseirat refugee camp, hospital staff said. Local residents said Nejem was a suspected collaborator.

Last week Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat called on activists not to kill suspected traitors without orders from the highest authorities.

"After a soldier was attacked, the visitors were sent home and the visits were stopped," the source said.

Palestinians said two women who tried to stop troops from arresting a youth during the confrontation were shot and injured.

Local hospitals reported three other injuries in Gaza, including a 17-year-old who Israeli radio said was shot when he tried to grab an Israeli soldier's gun.

The military has decided to build a new detention centre in

## Reign of Israeli terror

### Beit Sahour under siege

BETHLEHEM, West Bank, Oct 20, (Reuters): Under army siege for a month, defiant Palestinians in the West Bank town of Beit Sahour said in a smuggled message that Israelis had cut off food supplies, stripped homes, and beaten and humiliated residents.

And as residents yesterday vowed to continue the defiance and not to finance "the bullets that kill our children," the army warned the 12,000 mainly Christian residents to end their refusal to pay Israeli taxes or to "go hungry."

Troops battling a boycott of Israeli taxes by Beit Sahour people have closed the town to outsiders since Sept 20. They have confiscated goods worth \$1.3 million, including household appliances, machinery and 23 cars, military sources said.

In a statement smuggled to Israeli peace activists, the residents said: "No new food supplies reach us. We are under economic siege. The confiscation which has reached 120 shops, factories and houses is accompanied by beatings, humiliation, looting and damage to the goods."

Written in English, the statement said: "The repression against our town is reaching every person, destroying property and sources of income. It is running all aspects of economic activity in Beit Sahour."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed in Parliament last week to crush the boycott and teach residents a lesson.

The army distributed an Arabic leaflet which warned: "Don't believe what various parties are promising you in financial compensations, for you alone with pay the price and go hungry."

Starting next week, the army plans to issue tenders to sell the goods of five big Beit Sahour merchants who failed to meet the deadline for redeeming their confiscated property by paying their taxes, security sources said.

The West Bank to accommodate an estimated 4,500 prisoners and reduce overcrowding in other facilities, a left-wing Israeli newspaper reported.

The Bush administration on Wednesday publicly accused Shamir of hindering peace efforts in the Middle East with unhelpful statements.

But even while chastising Shamir from the State Department, US officials sought to put the squabble behind them and refocus their efforts on arranging talks between Israel and Palestinian Arabs.

Meanwhile, government officials said that US Secretary of State James Baker telephoned Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday to try to get the stalled Middle East peace process restarted.

It was the fourth high-level contact between the two governments, and the first initiated by the United States, since Shamir on Tuesday publicly criticised US proposals that he fears are aimed at pressuring Israel to talk with the PLO.

The English-language Jerusalem Post reported today that the United States has offered to sign a "memorandum of understanding" to rule out any PLO involvement in preliminary peace talks.

## Arafat won't seek visa

WASHINGTON, Oct 20, (AP): PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has advised the State Department that he does not intend to apply for a visa to attend a UN General Assembly debate next month on the Middle East, a US official said.

Intermediaries advised Arafat that seeking entry would be "controversial" and word came back that he did not intend to ask for a visa, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity on Wednesday.

Last year, the United States denied Arafat a visa and the United Nations responded by moving Middle East discussion to Geneva, Switzerland.

Since then, the United States has opened talks with the PLO, and 14 PLO officials were given permission this year to attend the United Nations.

## Israel piling up N-bombs

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): King Hussein of Jordan yesterday said Israel was stockpiling nuclear weapons and developing advanced missiles to carry them.

"It is unacceptable that as the superpowers destroy their intermediate-range nuclear missiles Israel develops more advanced systems, having stockpiled nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction," he said in a lecture at Oxford University.

Israel's behaviour had "forced other countries to seek similar weapons systems," the king said. "This adds a new and more dangerous dimension to the regional arms race and dramatically raises the potential for destructive conflict."

The Jordanian monarch did not give specific examples.

## Spencer halts sale of Arab mask

### ADC's campaign successful

WASHINGTON, Oct 20, (Agencies): A leading Arab rights organisation has claimed victory after a US mail order house agreed to halt sales of an "Arab fright mask" it had included in a list of children's Halloween costumes.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) announced the "surprise reversal" of Spencer Gifts, Inc's earlier refusal to "pull" the mask from its nationally-distributed catalogue.

In addition to its robust mail order business, the firm has 435 stores coast-to-coast.

The company said it would stop selling the offensive mask both in its stores and through its catalogues.

Arab rights activists complained the mask, complete with kaffiyeh, beard and exaggerated "Arab" features, should not have appeared anywhere in the Spencer catalogue, especially alongside vampires, devils and horror-movie characters.

After first failing to get the company to stop selling the "sheik" mask — which ADC called "racist" — the rights organisation sent "action alerts" to its members asking them to organise letter-writing and phone call campaigns.



Arab mask

The ADC reported hundreds of letters flooded Spencer's headquarters and "a high volume of calls" reached the company as well.

With the prospect of growing media interest as a result of the protest, the firm announced it was withdrawing both the "sheik" and similar "Arafat" masks.

## Egypt denies ties restored with Libya

CAIRO, Oct 20, (UPI): Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid elaborated on Wednesday on a decision by Egypt and Libya to exchange diplomatic bureaus, saying the missions would "follow up" on relations between the two neighbours but denying the step amounted to full restoration of diplomatic ties.

Diplomatic circles said the two countries, which severed relations in 1977 following a brief border war and disagreements over then-president Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, were engaging in a test of intentions before entering into any new commitments.

"Khaddafi has shown that he is quite unpredictable," said one Egyptian source.

President Mubarak and Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi agreed on Tuesday to establish diplomatic bureaus in each other's country, Information Minister Safwat El Sherif told the semi-official Middle East News Agency.

Sources said the decision to exchange bureaus amounted to a restoration of full diplomatic relations because the Libyans establish what they call popular bureaus rather than embassies.

But Maguid denied on Wednesday that the two nations had restored full diplomatic ties.

"The bureaus will follow up relations between the two countries. That's all there is to it," Maguid told UPI.

## Beware sexual corruption: Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

Khamenei called on his countrymen Friday to remain vigilant against foreign sexual, financial or any other kind of corruption that might destroy the nation's decade-old revolution.

The call to beware of external threats came at a time when cash-strapped Iran, which has so far failed to implement a reconstruction programme for the country after last year's cessation in hostilities with Iraq, faces serious economic and political pressures to reform. (UPI)

Visit put off: Vice-Premier Shimon Peres has called off a proposed visit to Moscow because Soviet officials would not guarantee meetings with senior leaders, a spokesman said today.

The indefinite postponement was announced as Peres, head of the Labour Party in Israel's national unity government, was being treated in hospital in the northern Israeli town of Afula for a urinary tract infection. (Reuters)

Rushdie poll: More than a quarter of British Muslims support Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence on writer Salman Rushdie, accused of blaspheming Islam, according to a poll out today, in London.

A big majority favoured some form of personal action against Rushdie for writing The Satanic Verses and two-thirds wanted his novel publicly burnt. (Reuters)

Ethiopia rebels: Western relief workers in Ethiopia have withdrawn from a provincial capital in the path of a major offensive by northern rebels, who are now within about 150 miles (240 km) of Addis Ababa, sources in the Ethiopian capital said.

The report emerged a day after Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam, in an unusual and defiant televised address, called for united action "to score immediate victory" over the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front, which he said threatened to plunge the country into chaos like Lebanon. (UPI)

Stockholm trial: A young Palestinian, one of four men standing trial on terrorism charges in Stockholm, confessed to making nail-packed bombs which killed one person and injured 26 in Copenhagen four years ago.

He also accused a co-defendant of being the leader of a guerrilla cell which planted two bombs in the Danish capital in July 1985.

They exploded simultaneously outside an office of the US airline northwest orient and a synagogue. (Reuters)

## Cairo in rain chaos

CAIRO, Oct 20, (Reuters): Unusually early autumn rains brought chaos to Cairo yesterday as roads flooded and the city's already congested traffic ground nearly to a halt.

Pot holes were transformed into muddy lakes. People, dressed in light summer clothes, donned plastic and paper bags to shield them from rain and cold winds.

Rainwater also swamped parts of the highway between Cairo and the Mediterranean port of Alexandria.

Editor on trial: Baton-wielding policemen clashed with onlookers outside a Rabat courthouse as a newspaper editor went on trial charged with publishing false statements of human rights abuses.

Witnesses said police moved in as the crowd swelled and many of the opposition editor's supporters tried to squeeze through the narrow, heavily-guarded entrance to the court.

The crowd fled as police started to wield their batons. The witnesses said no one was seriously injured and there were no arrests. (Reuters)

Algerian fundamentalists: Algerian Muslim fundamentalists in an unprecedented move have set up their own security force to pursue people who steal in the name of Islam, the newspaper of the Islamic Salvation Front said.

The report in the bimonthly paper Al Munqath (the saviour) was the first announcement by the front, known by its French initials FIS, that it had set up its own security force.

The move has no precedent in Algeria's fledgling multiparty democracy and its legality was immediately questioned by the state-controlled media. (Reuters)

Hostage mass: About 300 people in New York attended a Roman Catholic mass to mark the 100th day in captivity for three Americans seized by terrorists in Lebanon.

The Rev. Bede Ferrera led the reading of passages from the Holy Quran, Hebrew scriptures and the Bible. Robert Polihill, 55, Jesse Turner, 42, and Alann Stern, 50, were abducted on Jan 24, 1987, from the campus of Beirut University. (AP)

## French police detain former diplomat

### Passports given to spy ring

PARIS, Oct 20, (UPI): Police said today they arrested a former diplomat suspected of supplying French passports to pro-Iranian Shiites operating an espionage network in West Africa.

Also today, diplomatic sources said officials had relieved of his duties and recalled to Paris a cipher clerk at the French embassy in Dakar, the Senegalese capital, for giving a Shiite clergyman information during negotiations for the release of French hostages in Beirut.

Pierre Lebert, a former vice-consul in Conakry, Guinea, was arrested yesterday in the southwestern city of Toulouse by officers of the French

counter-espionage intelligence service, DST (Directorate for Territorial Surveillance), the police sources said.

The arrest followed a tip to anti-terrorist judge Gilles Boulouque from British police at Scotland Yard.

The Yard said that a suspected member of the Lebanese Hezbollah organisation who blew himself up at a London hotel Aug 3 had been carrying a passport issued by the French consulate at Conakry.

French counter-espionage learned Lebert had worked as a teacher in Beirut for several years before becoming a diplomat. He is believed to have had contacts with pro-Iran

Shiites while in Lebanon, the sources said.

Since his return to Toulouse, several months ago, Lebert had been leading an extravagant lifestyle that seemed beyond his means.

French Antenne 2 television said Lebert had admitted to supplying some 20 passports to persons without authorisation. Lebert was brought to Paris today from Toulouse for interrogation.

The cipher clerk at the French embassy in Dakar was not identified. But diplomatic sources said he was suspended from his job after he allegedly passed a Shiite clergyman the text of a diplomatic message.

## Amnesty calls for the release of Sadeq Al Mahdi

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): Amnesty International appealed to Sudan today to release former Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi and hundreds arrested since his government was overthrown in June.

The London-based human rights group said more than 300 people were reported to have been arrested since Mahdi's civilian government was toppled in a coup led by Army Brigadier Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

The group called for Mahdi's immediate release and an inquiry into allegations he had been ill-treated.

Amnesty also appealed for the release of Mahdi's wife Sara Al Fadil Mahmoud, who it said had been held almost continuously since Sept 5 without charge or trial.

It said prisoners held without trial included human rights activists, lawyers and more than 40 trade unionists.

## Iraq seeks direct talks

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 20, (Kuna): Iraq yesterday expressed hope that Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar would convince Iran, through his special representative, to hold direct talks with the Iraqi side under UN auspices.

"We cannot really speak to the wall and yet sign a peace treaty," Abdul Amir Al Anbari told UN correspondents in his club.

Al Anbari was commenting on the forthcoming visit later this month of the secretary-general's special representative to Iraq and Iran Jan Eliasson of Sweden to both capitals.

Eliasson will leave New York on Oct 30 and is expected to be in Iraq on Nov first. His mission will last for two to three weeks, Al Anbari said.

The first four rounds in New York and Geneva, he explained, "did not lead really to any substantial progress because of the way the Iranians insist on conducting the negotiations."

Those rounds, he added, constituted proof that their continuation cannot lead to an agreement.

"Unless we have direct talks with the mediation of the secretary-general, we would not be able to solve any problem," he said.



## INTERNATIONAL

## America

**White House denies rift:** The White House on Wednesday denied any internal rift on US policy toward the Soviet Union despite seemingly divergent tones in recent comments by Secretary of State James Baker and Vice President Dan Quayle.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater acknowledged, however, that "we sing from the same song sheet, but there are several verses." (AP)

**Senate rejects flag amendment:** The US Senate, in a sharp rebuke to President Bush and most conservatives, yesterday rejected a constitutional amendment to outlaw destruction of the US flag.

Once considered almost certain of quick passage in Congress, the amendment foundered as Senate passions cooled, senators feared an impingement on the 200-year old bill of rights and Republican co-sponsors defected. (UPI)

**Genetic abnormality:** A team of scientists said yesterday it had discovered an abnormal gene in the tumour cells of a childhood leukaemia in a find that could one day lead to techniques for early diagnosis and even the development of treatments. (Reuters)

**4 arrested in federal drug sting:** Four men who allegedly tried to distribute 60 kilograms of cocaine into Chicago and Canada have been arrested in a federal sting operation. US Attorney Anton Valukas said yesterday.

Rocio Gutierrez and Alvaro Lopez, both of Chicago, Libardo Gonzalez Villada of Miami, and Jacques Thibault of Montreal were arrested by US Drug Enforcement Administration agents and charged with conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine. Valukas said. (UPI)

**Bennett defends anti-drug effort:** Politics have hampered efforts to fight drug-related crime, national drug policy director William Bennett said yesterday six months after he made the United States' capital a test case in the anti-drug war.

Bennett, after a meeting with Sterling Tucker, the director of Columbia's own "drug czar," also defended his failure to deliver on much of a highly publicised crime-fighting package he unveiled in April. (UPI)

**Environmental study:** An environmental study concluded that combating pollution in the Great Lakes area between the United States and Canada entails billions of dollars.

The study by the Institute for Research on Public Policy, was made public Wednesday, only days after the announcement by the Canadian government that it has allocated \$125 million for cleaning the Great Lakes from pollution. (KUNA)

**Shenouda visits San Antonio:** Pope Shenouda III, spiritual leader to 30 million Coptic Christians in Egypt and around the world, Wednesday said the United States has enjoyed a steady growth in Coptic Orthodox churches during the past two decades during his visit to San Antonio.

The 66-year-old pontiff from Alexandria, Egypt, visited San Antonio as part of a two-month pastoral pilgrimage to churches around the United States. (UPI)

## Europe

**UK yet to decide:** Britain will decide whether or not to resume membership of the Unesco after assessing the results of the UN agency's current meeting. Director-General Federico Mayor said in Paris, on Wednesday.

Speaking to the general conference of Unesco's 161 member states, Mayor said London aimed to carry out "a detailed examination of the outcome of the present session to determine whether the United States should return." (Reuters)

**Editors appeal to Unesco:** The president of the International Federation of Newspaper Editors Giovanni Giovannini, in Paris, appealed to Unesco "to regain its dignity" by adopting policies ensuring free information exchange.

"The organisation will definitely miss its rendezvous with history if it does not choose, once and for all, to advance freedom of expression rather than using information as a total for political purposes," Giovannini, federation president, said in a statement. (UPI)

**Argentine navy officer indicted:** A prosecutor indicted Argentine navy officer Alfredo "Blonde Angel of Death" Astiz on Friday on charges of the abduction, torture and murder of two French Roman Catholic nuns in Buenos Aires in 1977.

The decision means that Lieut Cmdr Astiz will be tried at the Paris Assize Court. (UPI)

**Court refuses bail:** A French court on Thursday refused a request for bail by alleged French war criminal Paul Touvier, arrested in May after a 45-year hunt.

Touvier, 74, is accused of crimes against humanity committed during his time as Police Chief of Lyon under the Vichy Regime in World War Two. (Reuters)

**Gorbachev speaks at seminar:** Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today asserted that progress in the developing nations is closely linked to fate of humanity in the modern world.

Gorbachev, in a message to the international seminar on developing nations in the contemporary world which opened in Moscow earlier today, said that the Soviet Union pays principled attention to status of the developing countries in the international community. (KUNA)

**Cops haul off activist:** Police hauled a prominent human rights campaigner Jan Urban, from his Prague home before dawn today and held him for several hours, one day after detaining 15 opposition activists in another raid, an emigre source said in Vienna, Austria.

Urban, a leading member of the Charter 77 human rights movement and other pro-democracy groups, was taken from his home by police at 5.30 and said the source, who asked not to be identified. (AP)

**Mitsotakis' deal with devil:** Constantine Mitsotakis, Greece's Conservative Party leader, hopes his recent pact with the devil will help him win national elections just two weeks away.

His New Democracy Party stunned the political scene in July by teaming up with its once mortal foe, the communists, in a short-term coalition government to send former Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu to trial on corruption charges.

**Oliver remembered:** The voice of Laurence Olivier thundered through Westminster Abbey today as 2,000 guests, including most of Britain's greatest actors, paid homage to the late giant of stage and screen.

The recorded extract of Olivier's speech to the troops in Shakespeare's "Henry V" was among the highlights of a service of thanksgiving for Olivier's life. (AP)



## No turning back

Pope John Paul II on Friday told Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Poland's first non-communist prime minister since World War Two, that there must be no turning back from historic changes in their country.

The Pope told the prime minister, a personal friend: "This is an historic visit. Let us hope there will be no turning back." (Reuters wirephoto)



## All listens!

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mohammed Ali keenly listens to his daughter Mariam Ali's query on arrival at Karachi Airport on Thursday. He participated in an inaugural ceremony of the Seven Nation Asian Federation Games at Islamabad. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Lotto winner

## Sweet find

NEW YORK, Oct. 20, (AP) — Newton Hazell looked on his dresser, in his desk drawers and under his mattress before he remembered the cookie jar — which was where he'd unknowingly stuffed a \$1.3-million winning lotto ticket last year.

"I just stuck it in and forgot all about it," said Hazell, who overcame the memory lapse to become a millionaire just four days before his ticket would have become worthless.

Hazell, a prison guard, showed up Wednesday at the lottery office to collect his prize from the Oct. 22, 1988, drawing.

"Isn't that something? This was down to the thirty-gritty. Another week and I would have lost it," said Hazell, of Metuchen, New Jersey, after a Thursday news conference announcing his sweet find.



## Motherly talk

The Duchess of York, who is expecting her second child, admires a Teddy bear presented to her during a visit to an open day and alcohol advisory centre on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)



## Art collection auctioned

A collection of 44 paintings belonging to the estate of the son of the founder of Campbell's Soup sold for a record \$116 million at Sotheby's auction house on Wednesday.

The erratic bidding during the evening auction saw record highs and unexpected lows, but ended with the largest total ever paid for a private collection.

An unexpected record for Henri Matisse's "Woman with Red Umbrella" came when it sold to an anonymous bidder over the phone for \$12.3 million.

Picture shows Matisse's painting "Woman with Red Umbrella." (Reuters wirephoto)

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The recorded extract of Olivier's speech to the troops in Shakespeare's "Henry V" was among the highlights of a service of thanksgiving for Olivier's life. (AP)

**Awarded for scientific work:** Two Americans, an Italian and five French scientists have been awarded the French Legion of Honour and National Order of Merit for their scientific work, officials said on Friday in Paris.

In the 50th ceremony of the National Centre of

Scientific Research (NCSR) Thursday night, President Francois Mitterrand said that the awards "were a tribute to the republic, research and science." (UPI)

**Multi-party system opposed:** A communist-controlled mass movement Socialist Alliance said on Wednesday it opposed the creation of a multi-party system in Yugoslavia, dealing a blow to reformers who want to emulate political changes in Poland and Hungary.

Marijan Kotar, a leader of the Socialist Alliance, said his movement supported the legalisation of recently formed independent groups but did not think they should be allowed to turn themselves into political parties. (Reuters)

**Belgian pilots die in F-16 crash:** Two Belgian pilots were killed when their Belgian air force F-16 fighter jets crashed in remote mountains in western Turkey, a Turkish military official said on Thursday.

The US-designed F-16s were part of a flight of four heading back to Belgium. They had arrived on October 17 to take part in routine NATO manoeuvres in Turkey, he said. (Reuters)

## Africa

**Japan accepts ivory ban:** Japan agreed officially today to enforce a decision by an International Wildlife Conference to ban all trade in ivory, a spokesman for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said.

Earlier this week, Japan said it might file a reservation against the ivory ban decided by ballot at the 103-nation United Nations Conference on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) in Switzerland on Tuesday.

**Ivory ban applied immediately:** A United Nations body protecting endangered species suggested yesterday that a ban on ivory trading agreed this week could be applied immediately instead of next week.

The 103-nation UN convention decided at its biennial conference on Tuesday to ban all trade in ivory from January 18 in order to protect the African elephant from relentless poaching. (Reuters)

## Asia

**Burmese sentenced to death:** Civilian courts and military tribunals in Rangoon, Burma, have sentenced 100 people to death during the past three months, the government announced today.

Col Aung Thein, a government spokesman, told a news conference that of the 100 sentences, 24 were passed by military courts set up to deal with "serious offenses." (AP)

**Administration begins:** Resistance forces have set up civilian administrations to govern areas of western Cambodia recently captured from the government, a resistance spokesman said today.

"We have moved trained administrators from site 8 (refugee camp in Thailand) into the interior to set up an administration," said Ek Sereykeath, spokesman for the resistance group headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk. (UPI)

**China threatens to break ties:** China has threatened to break all economic ties with Norway if the Norwegian government of King Olav are present when the Dalai Lama receives the 1989 Peace Prize in Oslo in December, state television said on Wednesday.

But Norwegian Foreign Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik said the country would make no change in the traditional prize ceremony and that state representatives would participate. (Reuters)

**Thailand denies:** Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan did not try to persuade several West European countries last month to recognise the pro-Vietnamese government in Cambodia, a government spokesman said today.

Spokesman Suvi Yodmanee told a news conference that the subject of recognition was never brought up during Chatichai's meetings with leaders of Norway, Sweden and France. (AP)

**Australia reviews:** A veteran balloon pilot is to review safety regulations following the deaths of 17 people in four balloon accidents in Australia over the past two months.

The Civil Aviation Authority, who has flown more than 400 hours in balloons, would assess existing safety standards, report on any deficiencies and recommend any necessary changes. (Reuters)

**Proselytises Christianity:** The Supreme Court handed down a six-year sentence this week to Nepalese Protestant pastor Charles Mendez for "propagating Christianity in ways injurious to the Hindu religion," according to court sources cited by the National News Agency in Kathmandu.

The joint bench of the Supreme Court also sentenced an Indian citizen, Andrews Ranga, to six years in prison and expulsion from Nepal upon completion of his jail term for proselytising Christianity. (UPI)

## Latin America

**US reviews military status:** The administration is reviewing the status of US military dependents in Panama in what could be viewed as a move to step up its war of nerves against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, officials said in Washington yesterday.

The officials said the more than 12,000 US troops in Panama, has suggested withdrawing dependents as a follow-up to steps taken in May to limit their exposure to physical risk or harassment.

While denying any provocative intent, one official said an evacuation of dependents could help the United States "do business down there without having to worry about defending them as well as our other missions there." (UPI)

**Panamanian tortured in jail:** The head of the opposition Christian Democratic Party said Wednesday the party's vice-president was tortured in prison and other party members have been mistreated while under arrest by the government of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The Vice-president, Raul Ossa, "was submitted to cruel physical and psychological torture" after his arrest Oct. 3, said party president Ricardo Arias Calderon.

Ossa was held for six days in the La Chorrera jail in the western part of the city. During that time, Arias said, Ossa "could see five members of the party manacled to a water pipe and was told he also would be so they (the party members) would be the first to fall when the gringo invaders took the barracks." (AP)



Support columns of highway 880 rest against collapsed highway as rescue operations continue in San Francisco. (Reuters wirephoto)



A rescue worker peers into the collapsed section of Highway 880 looking for cars during rescue operations in San Francisco. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Down but not out

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20, (AP) — Skyscrapers shook but didn't fall. Trains stopped, but most were running again within hours. The Bay Bridge was crippled, so thousands of commuters switched to ferries.

In a city wracked by death and destruction, some successes emerged following Tuesday's devastating earthquake.

Seen from a helicopter, San Francisco and Oakland remain remarkably intact. The towers of steel, concrete and glass in both cities stand tall in defiance of a jolt that damaged buildings across a 100-mile (160 kilometres) stretch.

"It speaks a lot for the design code of modern buildings and the preparedness of California that there wasn't more damage," said George Lee, acting director of the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The skyscrapers were unharmed, Lee said, because they were "overdesigned" to prevent sway in upper levels and to resist powerful wind gusts as much as earthquakes.

"I think we're going to learn a lot from this event," Lee said. "Many of the buildings have instruments that can determine stresses and strains. We know the original designs of these buildings and we know the ground motion and amplitude. Adding these together will give us a very good picture where the weak links are and that will improve designs for the future."

Most small buildings and homes throughout the Bay area also survived with little or no damage, unlike those that crumbled in Soviet Armenia when a similar 6.9 magnitude quake struck last December and left 25,000 people dead.

The economic toll of the California quake is already estimated at \$4 billion and, according to Frank McCormick, a top economist for the Bank of America in San Francisco, is likely to reach \$10 billion.

That represents about a mon-

## Woman's body found in rubble: Rescue workers found the body of a woman in the rubble of a restaurant in Santa Cruz, California, yesterday.

The body of Robin Ortiz, 28, was found under "tonnes of rubble," said a police spokesman. "It appeared she died instantly."

The news angered several of the woman's friends who had stayed near the collapsed building around the clock, occasionally yelling encouragement to her in the hope that she was still alive. (Reuters)

**Rescuers storm police line:** A group of protesters stormed a police barricade and were arrested when they felt rescuers were not digging quickly enough looking for a missing woman in the Californian earthquake.

Crying "keep digging," and "don't stop the search" the protesters pushed past police in an attempt to get at the rubble of a coffee shop that caved in, possibly burying Robin Ortiz, an employee. (Reuters)

**People line up to donate blood:** People queued for as long as two hours in Los Angeles yesterday to give blood to help victims of the San Francisco earthquake.

"We are collecting as much as 3,000 units of blood, 10 times the amount we receive on any normal day," Tom Schaller, associate director of a Red Cross Blood Centre, said.

"It's been wonderful," Red Cross spokeswoman Sheryl Babbitt added. (Reuters)

**Quake named 'Loma Prieta':** California's devastating earthquake has been given a name by seismologists in the area — "Loma Prieta" which can mean Dark Hill.

The name was picked by seismologists at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena for a mountain lookout point near the epicentre.

In Spanish, one translation of Loma Prieta, the official name of the lookout, is "Dark Hill." (Reuters)

**Pets seem to sense quakes:** Cats and dogs seem to sense an earthquake is about to hit before their owners feel the first jolt.

"My two dogs started creeping around and slinking as if they didn't trust the floor," said Steve Grunow, an animal behaviourist at the humane society in San Jose, California.

Animal specialists are not sure what tips the animals off the imminent quake, but some suspect it is the energy from the earth that is released before the rocking and rolling is felt. (Reuters)

**San Francisco devastated:** Earthquake devastated San Francisco is short of cash and flooded with evacuees as it struggles to return to normal following its worst earthquake since 1906.

City officials said the quake, which killed an estimated 273 people in northern California, caused about \$2 billion worth of damage in San Francisco alone.

th's worth of the Bay area's \$125-billion annual economy, he said, and will be offset quickly by a boost to the economy from reconstruction jobs, insurance payments and federal assistance.

Within a day of the quake, trucks were moving in and out of the port of Oakland, which han-

dles 1,700 vessels a month. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco continued to process cash, cheques and wire transfers "without a glitch," according to a spokesman. Most large banks used emergency generators to keep their computers operating.

## Victims shifted, bodies trapped

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20, (Agencies): Hundreds of patients were evacuated yesterday from two hospitals cracked by the United States' second deadliest quake, and a state legislator demanded that engineers investigate whether a nuclear plant 160 miles (255 km) from the epicentre was damaged.

Excavation work, meanwhile, centred on a crushed mile-long (1.6 km) double-deck highway in Oakland that may have entombed at least two-thirds of the 273 people killed by the Loma Prieta earthquake on Tuesday.

Firefighter Daniel Getreu pulled out the body of a woman and child. "They were dirty. They were crushed. And, they were dead," he said. "There was a space of about one and a half feet from the top of the car to the bottom."

"We pulled the windshield back and a child's book was stuck to it," he said. "The windshield was pressed to that baby." He said "dozens of bodies" were trapped in the 100 yards (m) of ferroconcrete he was searching. "There are lots more (bodies)," he said. "I'm all burned out."

President Bush said he would make a three-hour visit today of areas damaged by the quake, which geologists named Loma Prieta for the mountain near its epicentre 60 miles (95 km) south of San Francisco.

In Sacramento, Senate leader David Roberti, a Democrat, expressed fear that the quake which struck at 5:04 pm Tuesday, may have damaged the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

In a letter, Roberti asked the chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington to "immediately send a team of engineers and geologists" to determine whether the plant "suffered undetected damage."

In Palo Alto, 30 miles (48 km) south of San Francisco, 250 patients were evacuated from a psychiatric and medical units of the Veterans Administration late Thursday. "We had noticed interior cracks in the building," spokesman Darrell Davis said. "We ordered teams to check the integrity of the buildings."

The patients were taken to other VA facilities, Davis said.

Aftershocks rippled across northern California, though none was as powerful as the initial quake, which measured 6.9 on the Richter scale. Thursday's aftershocks, which included a 3.0 shaker shortly after 5 pm, registered as high as 4.6 on the open-ended scale.

Lloyds of London, the insurance underwriting group, placed damage at \$5 billion in downtown San Francisco alone. City officials had placed damage at \$2 billion.

State transportation officials confirmed they knew that the two-level stretch of Interstate 880 in Oakland was vulnerable to a major tremor, but said the technology did not yet exist to adequately reinforce it.

"We had good reason to suspect that this structure could not survive significant shocks," said J. David Rogers, a private engineer who, working for the state, studied the structure — one of California's earliest double-deckers — in 1975. "Certainly it couldn't survive anything in the 6.9 range."

Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson, inspecting the site, promised an investigation. "I'm absolutely certain there will be a very thorough and complete investigation, with regards to the structure and what caused it to collapse," he said. He said the stretch of highway would have to be destroyed.

Oakland assistant fire chief Andy Stark said oil and gas fumes hampered the body check. "It's a possible hazard. We worry about sparks. But there has been no problem so far."

He said it will probably take six days to pull all the bodies from the collapsed freeway.

"We have conducted three searches through the rubble," Stark said. "We used search dogs. We also used laser technology. We found no sign of life."

Many in the San Francisco Bay area have been left with twin shocks from the earthquake that tore up the region — the shock of the quake itself and the shock of how close they came to a grisly death.

Thomas and Debby Kelly, a vacationing couple, were driving on the upper level of the Bay bridge on Tuesday when the quake shook the structure like a limb. A section of the deck collapsed just in front of them and a car tumbled down.

"Ohhh, gosh. That could have been us," Mrs Kelly gasped as the red car fell to the bridge's lower level.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Airline back in the black

## Air-India to upgrade services

By M.C. Bose  
Business Editor

P.R. KANGA, manager of Air-India, organised a media get-together in the Holiday Inn on Thursday to brief the impact of the dynamic changes introduced, and the measures taken to upgrade services, was clearly visible in the corporation's financial results for the year 1988-89 which has been a year of all-round progress for Air-India.

Kanga said the airline returned to the black with a profit of over Rs400 million as against a loss of Rs430 million in the previous financial year, a turnaround of Rs830 million, the most remarkable achievement in the history of the corporation. Air-India's local officials, mediemen, top officials of the travel agents also attended the meeting.

Air-India launched its new corporate identity programme on October 15 with the roll-out of its first Boeing 747, the Emperor Rajendra Chola at Bombay, in its gleaming brand new colours of red and gold on all white background. The liveried aircraft operated on Oct 16 from Bombay to New York via Delhi.

With its vibrant, contemporary new look, steps have been taken to introduce significant



Some of those who attended the meeting.

improvements in all areas of its operations, and a clear-cut marketing strategy to meet both its short and long term objectives. Air-India is geared to attract an increasing proportion of high-yield, trend-setting, discerning business travellers on its services.

Air-India has selected for its new corporate identity — the "sun," a symbol of enduring quality, continuity and relevance.

The sun, one of the most

elemental and powerful symbols in the world, — a celestial body used as an aid to navigation since times immemorial, lends itself appropriately as Air-India's new symbol. Rendered as a symmetrical oval in Air-India's new identity, its 24 rays symbolise the 24 hours in a day. The gold rays and enclosing gold ring are given added brilliance by a saffron yellow outline, — a design which combines the Indian heritage with an international look.

The new look is the result of a

year-long effort by Landor Associates, the world's largest design firm. "It cost Air-India more than \$1 million for the new design. Not many would have seen a product launch of this magnitude before. It reflects a certain progressiveness in the organisation and the classiness the airline is slowly acquiring in its effort to meet international competition."

Rajan Jolley has said: "It is part of a contemporary image we have been trying to create for



Kanga addresses the meeting.

ourselves. Our old image and design served us well for thirty years and it was well suited to its times. This design is in keeping with the new age. It is part of the airline's commitment to an era of dynamic change and consolidation."

Kanga said the new corporate identity has been designed to tie in with Air-India's new corporate goals and marketing strategies, primarily formulated by needs and perceptions for the future and the growing expecta-

tions and high standards of the jet-age business traveller. Air-India's position as the Indian flag carrier, its personalised service, — an essential ingredient of its success, the flair, dignity and style with which it proudly carried India's flag world-wide, its professional and technical expertise, and the emphasis it placed on meeting the requirements of the high yield first and business class traveller, were among those facets of the airline which are retained in the new corporate image.

He said Air-India plans to refurbish its entire fleet by October 1990. The first two aircraft will be refurbished at Hong Kong, whilst the rest of Air-India's fleet of 21 aircraft will be retrofitted at Bombay. — Air-India's base for maintenance which is certified by the Federal Aviation Agency of the USA as an approved repair station, in recognition of the international standards of Air-India's engineering facilities. Today, Air-India's operations span five continents, — a network linking over 40 stations in 24 countries. With its time-table in the winter of 1988, Air-India introduced the largest number of direct and non-stop flights, — to London, to Frankfurt the business gateway to Europe, to Rome, Paris, Tokyo, the Gulf and the USSR.

## Oil revenues to continue rise

Gulf investors think twice

DUBAI, Oct 20, (Reuters): Gulf investors have always looked beyond their desert kingdoms to fertile fields abroad.

But the second Wall Street shakeout in two years which shook major stock markets in the past week has made them think some of their wealth may be safer in their own emerging markets, local analysts and brokers say.

Last Friday's Wall Street slump caused hardly a ripple in the young markets of the Gulf Arab states and, if overseas volatility became a long-term problem, new investors could stay at home, and old investors could repatriate more capital.

Established Gulf investors deploy an estimated \$300 to 400 billion overseas. Perhaps over \$100 billion of this is in stocks at any one time.

A Saudi stock analyst said these investors take a long-term view and, although the latest Wall Street slump had rattled them, they were unlikely to withdraw money immediately.

"But ... if the decline continues, then perhaps in the long-run it will have a positive impact on the interest of local investors in their own markets," he said.

Others believe the effect could be more immediate. "After this new shock, part of the Gulf private sector's funds is expected to return home," said Abdul Malik Al Hamar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Central Bank Governor.

Jassem Al Sadoun of Kuwait Al Shall Economic Consultants predicted the fall would have a mildly positive effect as some investors brought funds back over the next few weeks.

A growing number of smaller investors are more easily frightened. "The world stock crises are having a strong psychological effect on those investors as they have no experience. I think they will prefer to keep their funds here," said UAE broker and chairman of emirates Commercial Centre Ali Yassin.

Gulf economists believe that as long as volatility on industrialised countries' markets does not cause drastic recession in their real economies, the industrial world demand for oil will continue.

As a result Gulf oil revenues, estimated at over 30 per cent higher than a year ago, will continue to rise, the local economies will resume growth and local company stocks will be insulated from the cold winds of Wall Street, the economists said.

Brokers in Bahrain said the Wall Street gyrations had no effect on their trade while Hashem Sabagha, chairman of Oman's new Muscat Securities market, said his market was healthy.

The upturn in the local economies and the beginning of overseas market turbulence with the 1987 stocks crash coincided with, and then stimulated, moves by the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states to develop their local markets.

Analysts have estimated Gulf investors lost around \$25 billion in the 1987 crash.

Kuwait, Oman, and Bahrain now have official stock trading floors, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar are all considering opening them.

## World dependence on Gulf oil could grow

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): The world may find it is relying on just five Middle East Gulf nations for most of the extra oil it will need in the 1990s, a top Opec minister said today.

Iraq's Issam Abdul-Rahim Al-Chalabi said Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Iran were the only members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries with enough oil reserves to make big increases in output capacity.

And he thought Iran probably could not add very much.

"The burden of coping with increasing world demand on Opec oil will fall on the Arab Gulf countries," he said in a speech at the 10th annual oil and money conference organised by the Oil Daily and International Herald Tribune newspapers.

A top Western oil man who also addressed the gathering of oil executives and analysts agreed.

"Two-thirds of world reserves and over three quarters of spare production capacity are in the 'big five' Opec Gulf States," said Lodewijk van Wachem, senior managing director of Royal Dutch/Shell, the world's second biggest oil company.

## Upswing seen in oil demand

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): Opec leaders are starting to think about what they would like to do with prices in the 1990s when oil demand may rebound strongly. And the watchword is moderation.

"The coming decade is going to be good for the oil business," Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said in a speech here. But he also said: "Too high a price merely sets the stage for too low a price."

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries was taught a lesson in discipline and moderation when \$40 prices killed demand and caused a glut in the early 1980s, he said.

Prices are now around \$18 per barrel having dropped as low as 10 in the worst of the glut.

Nazer and Opec's secretary-general, Subroto of Indonesia, attended yesterday the 10th annual oil and money conference organised for some 350 industry executives by the Oil Daily and International Herald Tribune newspapers.

Subroto forecast that in 10 years the world call on Opec oil could go as high as 30 million barrels daily from 22 million now — if prices rise modestly and only in line with inflation.

"Uncertainty is a scourge for us all, except perhaps the speculators," Subroto said.

Chalabi indicated that the Gulf nations would not use their power to levy swinging price rises. They all wanted "a fair and remunerative price" but not one so high as to drive consumers to other fuels, he said.

Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told the conference earlier that the 1990s would be good for the oil business. But he said: "Too high a price merely sets the stage for too low a price."

He said Opec learned its lesson in the 1980s when demand for its oil slumped, largely in reaction to the \$40 barrel. Prices then fell to near \$10 before a rebound in demand which has now brought them close to Opec's target of \$18.

Van Wachem saw prices in coming years anywhere between \$10 and 20.

Asked by reporters about whether Opec planned to raise its target price, Iraq's Chalabi replied "Not at the next meeting."

Opec next meets on November 25 in Vienna, where the issue will be to try to set permanent output quotas which all 13 members will obey and without which it cannot be sure of safeguarding any price.

Iraq has rebuilt capacity since its Gulf war with Iran and Chalabi said it could now pump 4.5 million barrels per day (BPD). That makes it second after Saudi Arabia in Opec and is about 1.5 million more than its mandated quota.

## Dollar steady Financial markets becalmed

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): Calm descended on world financial markets today after a stormy week which marked the second anniversary of the crash of 87 and saw billions of dollars wiped off share values.

Most of the attention, even in currency markets, was focused on stock prices which have been extraordinarily volatile since Wall Street's Friday the 13th plunge a week ago.

But the subsequent knee-jerk slump on stock exchanges elsewhere was checked before it ran out of control into a re-run of the Black Monday crash of October 19 two years ago.

Share prices dropped again in London today, reflecting a weaker tone on Wall Street and British investors' disappointment with a key speech on economic policy by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

But the key London share index had largely recovered from a fall of around nine per cent at the height of Monday's wave of selling to end the week about three per cent down.

Some dealers said Lawson's comments did nothing to clear up confusion over the Conservative government's strategy on exchange rates, now at an

eight-year high of 15 per cent.

Lawson said on Thursday that interest rates would stay high for some time to fight inflation and defend sterling.

"I think he should have come out with a stronger statement," said Gwyn Hache, economist at brokers James Capel and Co.

One market analyst added: "Again it was a speech more notable for what he left out."

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares ended 10.2 points down at 2,179.1.

Dealers said the index was pressured near the end of trading as Wall Street gave up early gains to turn lower by midday.

"I'm not sure where (Wall Street) is headed right now," said Paul Hennessey, vice-president for trading at Boston Co. "We could see some erratic action."

"There is a little nervousness," added Jeffrey Kaminski, director of the institutional sales at Mabon Nugent in New York.

By noon on Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average was eight points down at 2,675.20.

## Bond issue planned

ABU DHABI, Oct 20, (Kuna): Egyptian ambassador in Abu Dhabi Fakhri Ahmed Othman today shed light on the Cairo government's plan to offer US dollar-denominated government bonds intended to help Egypt breathe life into its ailing economy.

He said the bonds, to be offered by the Central Bank, will be used to finance industrial projects of proven feasibility in the private and public sector.

Addressing a press conference, the diplomat said subscription which begins in November will be open to Egyptians including expatriates, and Arab and foreign individual and institutional investors. The bonds will bear an annually variable yield to be paid twice a year.

Denominations will range from \$25 to \$10,000, he added.

## Major quake in Tokyo could spell chaos for world markets

TOKYO, Oct 20, (Reuters): The San Francisco earthquake has revived fears that a major quake in Tokyo could send global financial markets crashing along with many of the Japanese capital's skyscrapers.

"The impact of such an earthquake (in Tokyo) would be felt around the world," said Marshall Gittler, bond analyst at UBS Phillips and Drew International.

Financial analysts said a big quake in Tokyo would create chaos on world currency markets and cause stock and bond markets in both the United States and Japan to crash.

"The yen would reach parity with the dollar," said Gittler.

The first trades at about 1,360 to the US dollar while the Japanese yen is currently at around 141.

Tokyo is so important because it is the

centre of Japan's financial, insurance, banking and telecommunications industries, analysts said.

If the Tokyo area was an independent nation its gross national product would be the sixth biggest in the world, larger than Britain's. In 1985 Tokyo accounted for 30 per cent of Japan's GNP.

San Francisco's earthquake measured 6.9 on the Richter scale. The great Kanto quake in Tokyo in 1923, which killed about 142,000 people and destroyed 700,000 buildings, was 7.8.

An earthquake of that magnitude in Tokyo today would kill 150,000 people, injure another 200,000 and destroy over 800,000 buildings, the Japanese government has estimated.

This would cause Japanese life insurance

firms to liquidate their massive holdings of US bonds and stocks to pay off claims, analysts said.

"US markets would go through an incredible shock," said Matthew Berlow, an economist at Credit Lyonnais Laing and Cruickshank Securities.

Life insurers' investment portfolios held about 14.3 trillion yen (\$107 billion) in US government bonds and stocks in March, said Gittler.

A large-scale sell-off of US assets by Japanese insurers could push the US economy into recession, analysts at the Tokai Bank concluded in a study published earlier this year.

Tokai said Japanese capital outflow would drop sharply as the country scrambled to rebuild a devastated Tokyo at a cost of 119 trillion yen (\$850 billion).



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# Banker sees Arab bank failures in '92 Europe

ABU DHABI, Oct 20. (Reuters): Some Arab banks could go out of business unless they forge a joint strategy to survive in the European Economic Community's post-1992 single market, a senior Arab banker said yesterday.

"We have to realise that without a joint strategy we will find ourselves on the sidelines," said Adnan Al Hindi, secretary-general of the Beirut-based Arab Bankers Union (ABU).

Hindi, whose union groups 275 banks in the Arab world, told Reuters in an interview the single EEC market would demand large banking units and urged the generally small Arab banks to merge

into bigger groups.

"This should prompt Arab banks in the EEC to take practical measures, especially mergers, otherwise we will hear much about bankruptcies and withdrawals," he said.

"We are talking about banking blocs. I see no hope for the survival of the smallest against the biggest," he said.

Hindi said Arab banks in the EEC also failed to attract customers from their own countries. "The mistake of Arab banks abroad is that their services do not compete with those of foreign banks."

He estimated that deposits of Arab governments in Arab banks abroad were

less than four per cent of such deposits with other foreign banks.

He said the EEC was putting Arab banks under pressure by classing Arab states, except Saudi Arabia, in higher credit risk categories.

Some Arab banks were also finding it difficult to meet an internationally-agreed eight per cent level for banks' capital adequacy ratios, the relationship between shareholder capital and bank assets, he added.

In an another development Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has named a new governor for the Central Bank to pursue reforms aimed at boosting its role

in the economy.

Hadi Nasser, a former director of monetary policy at the presidency, replaced Badreddine Nouioua last night, the news agency APS reported. Nouioua served for four years.

It quoted Nasser as saying his priorities would be to fight inflation, "reunify" the dinar and improve Algeria's standing in international financial markets.

The Algerian dinar trades on the black market at about a fifth of its official value. The Central Bank has been gradually devaluing the official rate, fixed daily against the dollar.

Economic reforms this year have given the Central Bank and commercial banks greater autonomy and a greater role in financing development, traditionally the task of the treasury.

In June commercial banks created for the first time an interbank deposit market with interest rates set freely by the banks. Banks are being encouraged to seek deposits more aggressively and introduce new products.

"The Central Bank must contribute to the rapid setting up of monetary and financial markets," APS quoted Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche as saying.

## Syria plans balanced '89 budget

DAMASCUS, Oct 20. (Reuters):

Syrian government spending is set to increase to 57 billion Syrian pounds (\$5.08 billion) this year, according to a balanced budget presented to parliament yesterday by Finance Minister Minister Khaled Mahayni.

Revenues were also expected to reach 57 billion pounds, Mahayni said.

Last year's budget forecast a similar balance of revenue and expenditure at 51.5 billion pounds (\$4.59 billion). Actual expenditure and revenues were not available.

The increases are mainly because of pay rises and take account of a reduced harvest. The budget does not call for any new overseas borrowing.

Investment spending was expected to drop to 21.6 billion pounds (\$1.92 billion) from 21.9 billion pounds (\$1.95 billion) planned in 1988.

Current spending, including government salaries, administrative costs and debt servicing, was put at 35.4 billion pounds (\$3.16 billion) compared with 29.7 billion pounds (\$2.64 billion) for 1988.

No breakdown was given. The armed forces have taken the lion's share of previous budgets. Finance sources said the rise went mostly to a 25 per cent increase salary increase for all government employees, the army and police which cost the government around 5.5 billion pounds (\$490 million).

## Turkey, China to expand trade

ANKARA, Oct 20. (Reuters):

Turkish and Chinese delegations began talks yesterday on ways of increasing to \$500 million a 1988 bilateral trade figure of \$330 million, officials said.

The half-billion dollar target was set three years ago. The two-day joint economic committee meeting is expected to end today with the signing of a protocol, they said.

China's Deputy Minister of Foreign Economic Relations Lu Xuejun told the meeting that a 500,000-tonne figure for China's 1989 crude oil exports to Turkey would be more realistic than an earlier target of one million tonnes.

China has already supplied Turkey this year with 300,000 tonnes of re-exported Iranian crude and was proposing to make up to half-a-million tonnes with its local production, Turkish officials said.

Turkey buys mainly oil, coal, cotton, aluminium ore and raw silk from China and exports iron and steel products, chromium ore, polyethylene, fertilisers, tobacco and wheat.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Oct 20. (Kuna):

Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.2978	0.2993
Sterling	0.4747	0.4769
DM	0.1610	0.1617
Sw. fr	0.1834	0.1842
F. fr	0.0474	0.0476
Il. ira	0.002186	0.002187
Yap yen	0.002109	0.002113
B. Dinar	0.7892	0.7939
UAE dh.	0.08109	0.08135
S. rial	0.079413	0.079421
Q. riyal	0.081790	0.082151
O. riyal	0.77531	0.77690

Accord as a 'real answer to the current problems'

# Japan, US reach pact in steel talks

TOKYO, Oct 20. (AP):

The United States and Japan have agreed to extend Japanese steel export restrictions for 30 more months, the government announced today.

Under the revised US-Japan pact, Japanese steel exports to the United States cannot exceed five per cent of US annual steel consumption during the next 15 months, Michino Takahashi, a spokesman for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said.

During the second 15-month period, beginning in January 1991, Japan's quota will be 5.3 per cent of annual US consumption, Takahashi told a news conference.

The previous agreement gave Japan a 5.8 per cent quota out of the 18.4 per cent of the US steel market set aside for foreign steel producers, but Japan actually exported only 4.2 per cent of US consumption last year, according to Japanese figures.

The earlier agreement, which expired Sept 30, was negotiated in 1984 to give US steelmakers breathing space from foreign competition and allow them to modernize.

The new agreement prohibits

Japan from providing any government aid to steelmakers for production, export or research, Takahashi said.

The agreement comes after several rounds of protracted bilateral negotiations held in Tokyo and Washington.

In a short statement, Hikaru Matsunaga, the International Trade and Industry minister, described the accord as a "real answer" to the current problems facing steel trade between the United States and Japan.

He said Japan would "continue to make efforts to encourage the two countries' co-operation and prosperity, while working toward the healthy development of the world's steel trade... we strongly hope that the US steel industry also will make further efforts to make structural changes and modernize."

Today's agreement follows a statement by US President George Bush in July that Washington was willing to negotiate a 30-month extension of its general voluntary restraint agreement on steel with its trading partners.

In a statement released after

the government announcement,

Japan Iron and Steel Federation chairman Hiroshi Saito said, "despite a decrease in Japan's fifth-largest steel maker, the agreement is acceptable, considering that Japan is not treated unfairly compared to other countries, including the 12-member European Economic Community."

The EEC's share in the US market tumbled from eight per cent to 5.6 per cent.

In a related development today, Kobe Steel Ltd, Japan's fifth-largest steel maker, announced plans to set up a second steel factory with USX Corp., the largest US steel company, in a 50-50 equity partnership. The agreement is expected to be finalized by year's end, it said.

Kobe Steel spokesman Yukio Yashida said the joint factory will produce hot-dipped galvanized steel sheet somewhere in the US Midwest, primarily to supply automakers.

Japan's economy continued to expand for the 35th straight month in October, backed by solid domestic demand and sound corporate performance, and the central bank said West-

ern monetary powers are ready

to ensure stability of financial markets. Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita has appealed to commercial institutions for restraint in extending loans for land dealings to prevent a steep price rise.

The Economic Planning Agency, in a monthly report for October, said Japan's economy continued its expansion for 35 months in a row, the third longest postwar period of continuous growth, following a 43-month expansion in the late 1950s and a 57-month boom in the mid-1960s.

"The domestic economy now is in the process of continuous expansion, and the current healthy trend is likely to continue at least throughout this year," a spokesman for the agency said.

The agency said sales at department stores nationwide rose 9.5 per cent in July and 8.0 per cent in August while new car sales jumped 21.9 per cent in September.

Personal spending remained strong although it suffered a mild 0.2 per cent decline in July because of seasonal factors, the agency said.

## American consumer prices up

WASHINGTON, Oct 20.

(Reuters): US consumer prices inched up only 0.2 per cent in September after failing to budge in August, the Labour Department said yesterday, showing inflation has paused after steaming ahead earlier this year.

The consumer price index has now eased to a 1.6 per cent annual rate in the three months ended on September 30, from the rapid 5.7 per cent pace in the second quarter and 6.1 per cent surge in the first three months of the year.

"We are in the midst of a significant breathing spell" from inflation, said economist Stephen Roach at investment banking firm Morgan Stanley and Co Inc.

The inflation news was better than Wall Street expected on the second anniversary of the 1987 stock market crash, helping push the Dow Jones industrial average up 29.92 points at midday to 2,673.57.

In an encouraging sign for the economy, consumer inflation so far this year has failed to accelerate from the 4.4 per cent rate in 1988.

"While we're always on guard to make sure inflation remains under control, the concern earlier this year that inflation was getting out of control appears to have been unfounded," said Michael Boskin, chairman of President George Bush's Council of Economic Advisers.

BAT Industries chairman Patrick Sheehy makes a point during the shareholders meeting held in London which voted in favour of plans put forward by the board aimed at heading off the unwelcome bid by Sir James Goldsmith's Hoylake. (Reuters wirephoto)

BAT to sell its stakes to Horten

# Restructuring plan approved

LONDON, Oct 20. (UPI): Shareholders in BAT Industries gave overwhelming approval yesterday to the company's restructuring plan, which was announced last month to fend off the \$21 billion hostile bid for the British conglomerate by Hoylake Investments Ltd.

A resolution passed at an emergency general meeting gave chairman Patrick Sheehy authority to sell off BAT's paper subsidiaries and retail interests, which include Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field's Stores.

With the changes, described as a "de-merger" by BAT, the company will concentrate on its tobacco and financial services. BAT officials hope the new make-up will dampen the enthusiasm of Hoylake, which has said it will break up the conglomerate if it acquires it, retaining only the tobacco interests.

Shareholders also cleared the way for BAT to buy back up to 10 per cent of its 1.5 billion shares.

In August, Hoylake, the vehicle being used by James Goldsmith and a consortium of investors for the attack on Britain's third largest company, launched its bid, the largest Europe has seen, but has since suspended its offer while it overcomes regulatory hurdles.

BAT will sell its interests in West German retailer Horten Euroret, a plastic mouldings business, and VG Instruments, the British company where BAT has a 69 per cent holding in addition to 46 Saks Fifth Avenue Stores and the 24 Marshall Field's Stores, the Chicago-based Department Store chain acquired in 1982.

BAT will also sell its Ivey's and Breuners outlets in the United States.

## Buyout bid for UAL ruled out

BA in no way committed to a deal

LONDON, Oct 20. (AP):

British Airways PLC said today it does not plan to join a revised buyout bid for UAL Corp., a deal in which it had been a major backer.

British Airways said in a brief statement it "does not intend to participate in any new deal for the acquisition of UAL in the foreseeable future."

A group of managers and employees of UAL — the parent of United Airlines — has been trying to revise its original \$6.75 billion offer for the American carrier since the group failed to line up financing for the bid.

The group's announcement last Friday that it could not reach agreement with banks to finance the buyout was a factor in Wall Street's plunge, in which the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 190 points.

After banks refused to back the UAL deal, the management-led group — which also includes United Pilots — scaled down its original \$300 a share offer to \$5.62 billion, or \$250 a share. UAL officials have been in Tokyo this week, trying to win support for the revised offer from big Japanese banks.

UAL's offices in Chicago were closed early today and the company did not immediately respond to the British Airways' announcement.

Last weekend, British Airways issued a statement saying it was confident a revised financing package would be arranged and the bid would be allowed to proceed.

On Monday, the company confirmed it was pursuing the bid with Airlines Acquisition Corp., the management-led group that also includes United Pilots.

However, today's announcement did not come as a surprise. Earlier this week, Derek Stevens, British Airways' chief financial officer, said his company was "in no way committed to a deal going through at all."

A British Airways spokesman, who was not identified in accordance with British custom, said he could not comment beyond the prepared statement, which gave no indication of why British Airways backed out or when the decision was made.

Sources said the company was freed of any obligation to continue as a backer of Airlines Acquisition Corp. last Friday.

Under the original offer, British Airways would have provided \$750 million or about three-quarters of the equity, for the buyout and received a 15 per cent stake in the airline.

Under US law, foreign companies are barred from owning more than 25 per cent of the voting stock in a US airline, but the law does not address the per cent of equity in the company that is permitted.

UAL's stock has continued to dive this week even as the rest of the stock market stabilised — signaling Wall Street's increasing pessimism about the viability of the deal.

## Bankers Trust sets \$1.6b loan provision

NEW YORK, Oct 20. (UPI):

Bankers Trust New York Corp said today it has boosted its credit-loss reserves against possible Third World loan losses by \$1.6 billion, following most other major money centre banks, and estimated that the move would mean a \$1.42 billion loss in the third quarter.

Bankers Trust chairman Charles S. Sanford, Jr. said the addition to reserves was in response to recent developments such as the debt-reduction initiative of US Treasury Secretary Nicholas

Brady. Banks held Brady plan

talks with Mexico in July and with the Philippines in August. A bank statement said the new \$1.6 billion provision "provides flexibility to deal with refinancing country debt on a case-by-case basis as circumstances warrant."

Such accounting moves strengthen a bank's position, analysts say, as it has braced itself for the worst eventuality.

"Recent events... offer little encouragement that resolution of LDC debt problems will be based on a partnership of com-

mon interest among the parties."

Sanford said, alluding to the ongoing Mexican debt reduction talks and payment arrears by nations like Brazil and Argentina.

"While reduction of interest and principal can allow time for adjustment," he continued, "only sound economic policies on the part of debtor countries can provide a solution."

Only sound — i.e. market-oriented — economic policies could return flight capital to debtor nations, he said.

## Bombay share prices

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 20.

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Fashion

# Artificial colouring sets collection aglow

PARIS, Oct. 20. (Reuters): Japanese designer Rei Kawakubo broke away from her traditional black with an idiosyncratic spring and summer collection of garçons collection glowing with lollipop colours yesterday.

Skin-tight sheaths in layers of fluorescent greens, yellows, pinks and blues alternated with her characteristic bloomers and puffed skirts cut from pure hospital-white.

Kawakubo's collections sometimes verge on intellectual exercises, in which the reclusive designer appears to be trying to push concepts of traditional clothing to breaking point.

Playing with the principle of the Jupes-Culottes, a favourite on the catwalks this year, she offered her own absurdist version — long skirts with a crotch at ankle level.

Echoing an idea seen at Jean-Paul Gaultier's shows, she dressed models in formal black shirts from which the shoulders had been cut out, with the material left hanging in loose loops.

What looked like mini-length gym slips from one side turned out to be dungaree culottes on the other. Wrap-around skirts seemed ready to unwind and ruched pleats hoisted the hems of light summer dresses out of line.

There was hardly a straight hem to be seen.

The circus theme re-emerged from previous years in clownish puffed bloomers, little Lord-Fauntleroy knickerbockers and some psychedelic patchwork skirts and striped skirts.

Kawakubo also experimented with new materials, offering shiny white plastic jackets with a space-age feel and straight 1930's dresses decorated with cascading fragments of mirror.

Shown on stocky models sporting scarecrow haircuts, flat sandals or severe goatees shoes, the overall effect was eye-stopping rather than flattering and the show looked less commercially viable than usual.

It drew admiring sighs from Kawakubo fans but others were more critical.

"It was a bit of a yawn actually," said British designer Jeff Banks. "There was the straw man out of yellow brick road followed by the tin man with all those mirrors. All we needed was Dorothy for a good laugh. But no-one was smiling."

Ten years ago, when these clothes were little bits picked up in Japan, it was great. But now you're paying 700 quid a go to be amused. I think the time has passed."

Lolita Lempicka, who showed her line on Wednesday, went to the opposite extreme, stressing feminine sweetness so hard it verged on the saccharine.

Colours were her strong point — soft coats and sexy day suits came in charming rose, marigold, aquamarine and apricot, and there were attractive wide-legged trouser suits in lime green set off with

clashing pink buttons.

Lempicka also showed a long line of wispy print dresses, cut from the lightest of fabrics, which fluttered into the air as the models walked. In case the girlish message was lost, models wore wide-brimmed straw hats and twirled flowers through their fingers.

The line, with its stress on softness and casual chic, is likely to be snapped up by the young upwardly mobile women who make up Lempicka's clientele.

Westernised Japanese designer Kenzo opted for a strong palette. Best were the trouser suits in maroon, shocking red, chocolate and electric blue, where the trousers, were cropped short and the jackets trimmed to the waist.

Hawaiian themes surfaced in some beach wraps, sarongs and bikini tops and Kenzo also favoured the ethnic effect in ruffled peasant skirts braided with colour.

For the evening he offered dresses made from wafts of layered chiffon, where the colours melted into one another like dark inks spilled into clear water.

Doby Broda's idea of the 1990s harks to the 1930s, with lots of flowing pyjamas and long skirts. Some of the audience liked her flower-sprigged "Farmer's Daughter" dresses in soft or murky colours.

More fun were her easy pants or skirts outfits based on "dishcloth" linens — the little loose dishcloth-plaid boleros paired with solid blue full pants, skirts or occasionally shorts.

For evening, her gold lame bias-cut dresses and flared pants looked slinky enough to steal applause at parties, though perhaps not quite luxurious enough for Marlene Dietrich.

Emmanuelle Khanh brought out a lot of long and slinky suits for cruise wear, as well as some modest one-piece Maillots bathing suits with little flounces at the hip.

Her sailor looks ranged from pants to shorts to skirts — in crisp navy and white or more original rusty brown cottons and linens. For late-day, her best lines were easily fitted outfits with strong black and white Arabesque embroideries around collars and shoulders.

The Japanese are out in force as usual. Hanae Mori, who will show later in the week, was awarded the legion of honour on Tuesday night for her contribution to Paris fashion in the couture and ready-to-wear lines she has shown and sold here for over 20 years.

Junko Shimada's bouncy young styles were always figure-hugging, featuring bright turquoise beach mini-dresses with pointed hems.

There was lots of creativity here — from scalloped pique fitted suits with very short skirts to a whole range of clinging, broadly-striped sailor suits teaming pullovers with bell-bottomed Jerseys.



A model wraps a huge straw hat (top left), patchwork skirt worn with yellow cummerbund (top right), swimsuit as part of 1990 spring-summer fashion (down left), and a plex-glass car bumper bustier. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Janet Jackson stays atop chart

### Second straight week

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (AP): Janet Jackson stayed on for the second straight week Wednesday at the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States with her hit "Miss You Much."

"Love Song" by the Cure, hopped up two notches to second place on the Cash Box Magazine Chart. "Mixed Emotions" by the Rolling Stones remained in third position for the second week.

Last week's number two hit, "Cherish" by Madonna, toppled to seventh.

New to the Top 10 list this week was "Love in an Elevator" by Aerosmith, up from 14th to 8th.

Two other newcomers were "Cover Girl" by New Kids on the Block, up from 20th to 9th and "Bust A Move" by Young M.C., up from 17th to 10th.

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Miss You Much — Janet Jackson (A and M)
2. (4) Love Song — The Cure (Elektra)
3. (3) Mixed Emotions — Rolling Stones (Columbia)
4. (6) Listen to your Heart — Roxette (EMI)
5. (7) Sowing the Seeds of Love — Tears for Fears (Polygram)
6. (9) Dr. Feelgood — Mötley Crüe (Elektra)
7. (2) Cherish — Madonna (Sire)
8. (14) Love in an Elevator — Aerosmith (Geffen)
9. (20) Cover Girl — New Kids on the Block (Columbia)
10. (17) Bust a Move — Young M.C. (Island)

The top 10 Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) High Cotton — Alabama (RCA)
2. (3) Ace in the Hole — George Strait (MCA)
3. (6) A Better Love Next Time — Merle Haggard (Epic)
4. (2) Living Proof — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia)
5. (7) Burnin' Old Memories — Kathy Mattea (Mercury)
6. (9) Let it be You — Ricky Skaggs (Epic)
7. (4) Killin' Time — Clint Black (RCA)
8. (10) An American Family — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA)
9. (13) Yellow Roses — Dolly Parton (Columbia)
10. (14) Bayou Boys — Eddy Raven (Universal)

And in UK "That's What I Like" by Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers jumped five places to the top of the British pop singles record chart, displacing Black Box's six-week favourite "Ride on Time."

Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" moved from 10th to 7th place, ahead of Top 10 newcomer "Leave a Light On" by Belinda Carlisle.

The other two Top 10 newcomers were "Wishing on a Star" by Fresh 4 Feat Lizz E and "If I Could Turn Back Time" by Cher.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's places in parentheses:

1. (6) That's What I Like — Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers (Music Factory)
2. (1) Ride On Time — Black Box (Deconstruction)
3. (2) Pump Up the Jam — Technotronic Feat Felly (Swanyard)
4. (3) If Only I Could — Sydney Youngblood (Circa)
5. (7) Girl I'm Gonna Miss You — Milli Vanilli (Cooltempo)
6. (4) We Didn't Start the Fire — Billy Joel (CBS)
8. (15) Leave A Light On — Belinda Carlisle (Virgin)
9. (18) Wishing On a Star — Fresh 4 Feat Lizz E (10 records)
10. (12) If I Could Turn Back Time — Cher (Geffen)

## Lanvin's new creator

FRENCH designer Claude Montana will be Lanvin's new operator of haute couture, the fashion house announced Wednesday.

Lanvin has not had a couturier since Maryll Lanvin left after Midland Bank took over the family-owned company last January.

Montana is the latest ready-to-wear designer to join the world of couture after several other shakeups in the heady high fashion scene this past year.

Angelo Tarlazzi took over designing couture for Guy Laroche following the designer's death last February, and Gianfranco Ferré became head creator of Dior couture last summer, replacing Marc Bohan.

Montana — the creator of hulking, linebacker shoulders and strong, aggressive fashion — will now be expected to turn out the refined clothes expected by customers of the venerable Old House of Lanvin, started by Jeanne Lanvin in the 1920s.

"I'll be showing my first collection for 1990 next January," Montana said at a news conference, wearing a black windbreaker and pants — a somewhat dressier style than his usual leather jacket and jeans.

He ducked questions about his salary, saying merely "people are writing all kinds of things."

"Claude Montana will be remunerated in line with his talents," said Lanvin chairman Leon Dresseur.

"I'm very happy to design haute couture," said Montana, who also said he will keep on with his own ready-to-wear firm, which he has headed since 1977.

"I have been feeling cramped by the industrial constraints of ready-to-wear," he said. "I will feel more free now."

Lanvin's ready-to-wear for women will be designed by a team co-ordinating with Montana's haute couture styles, and Patrick Lavoix will continue as



Crimped top worn with bloomer pants.

## Jackson family's love life rarely harmonious

THERE'S never been a show-business family like the Jacksons for hitting the high notes of financial success. But when it comes to the family's love lives, things are rarely, if ever, harmonious.

In fact, lurid tabloid newspaper headlines have spelled out over the years just how tangled and bizarre these can be.

Father Joe, the Svengali who moulded five of his nine children into the Jackson Five and ruled over them all with Bible-backed rod of iron, has disapproved of almost every match they have made.

Latest to incur his displeasure are Michael's little brother Randy, who has had a paternity suit from his pregnant ex-girlfriend, and LaToya, who married her ex-brother-keeper manager at three in the morning. She was too afraid to tell her father about the nuptials.

Yet Joe, who did not approve of Rebbie's, Marlon's, Jackie's, or Janet's weddings either, hid a secret love child of his own from them for 13 years.

The only big wedding with Joe's public blessing was in 1975, when Jermaine married Hazel Gordy, Hazel's father, Berry, was chairman of the board of Motown Records. The couple have since parted.

Michael, who is 30 and the most sensationally successful of them all, has always been somewhat off-centre emotionally. His strongest attachments until now have been to pets like his favourite chimp, Bubbles. But, to the amazement of his fans, Michael has recently fallen for a girl from his own age group.

His closest human relationship since he broke away from the family to go it alone have been with older stars like Liz Taylor, to whom Michael built a shrine in his home. And there was also Diana Ross.

In his autobiography, Moonwalk, Michael wrote about Diana: "I'm crazy about her. She was my mother, my lover and my sister all combined in one amazing person."

They first met in late 1968



Latoya Jackson performs



...and poses

when The Jackson Five — Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael — shared a bill with Diana Ross and The Supremes at a black political rally.

Diana introduced the Jacksons to Berry Gordy, who signed them up for Motown.

Jackson amazed British fans last year by a public declaration of his feelings about veteran actress Liz Taylor. Michael announced that he wanted to dedicate his next song to her. It was "I Just Can't Stop Loving You. And, as he sang it, his tears flowed.

Michael had hoped that the star nearly twice his age would be able to attend one of his London concerts. Instead, she was in hospital in Santa Monica, California, for a spine operation. He sent her a huge bouquet of flowers every day.

LaToya, one of the latest family "rebels," has further upset her father by announcing that she is writing a tell-all book about the family.

Michael Jackson, in his book,

accused his father of having beaten him when he was a boy. Joe Jackson denies it. But LaToya says she will tell how so far unnamed adult sexually assaulted both her and Michael when they were children.

She says: "Michael is particularly worried about the disclosures I make about certain things which happened to us as children and about how there is no love lost between him and his brothers."

LaToya was already in trouble with her father and brothers before she admitted she was planning to bare her soul. They were furious about her decision to bare her body for Playboy magazine.

But LaToya was more than able to stand up for herself. She said: "Who are my goddam self-righteous brothers to talk, anyway? Look at their lives — wives, girlfriends, legitimate kids, illegitimate babies..."

Jermaine has been the most critical. But he has the most to hide. Look at him. He's been married to Hazel for years and has a family with her, but he also has a baby by his mistress.

"Talk about sleazy. When Hazel found out, she gave him one more chance. But she caught them together again and left him."

LaToya, once pursued by boxer Mike Tyson who was forever phoning her for dates, also upset the clan by becoming involved with her manager, Jack Gordon, the family certainly do not approve of him.

The year after the unsuccessful marriage that linked the Jacksons and Berry dynasties, Marlon left home at 18 and secretly married his childhood sweetheart, Carol Parker.

Said an angry Joe: "They just slip off and get married." In their case, they have stayed married. Thirteen years later, Marlon and Carol are still very happy together and have three children of their own.

Such happily-ever-afters are not the norm for the Jackson clan. Even for Joe and long-suf-

fering matriarch Katherine, it has been touch and go according to friends.

They lived "apart" under the same roof for a time when she was fed up with gossip about him and women. She even talked divorce with a lawyer.

But it still came as a shock to the clan to learn that 60-year-old Joe has a 14-year-old love child, Jo Vonnie Jackson, whose mother, Cheryl Terrell, is unmarried.

Joe set them up a three-bedroom house eight miles from the 22-room Jackson mansion and has set up a trust fund for Jo.

Now 26-year-old Randy has been named in a paternity suit by pretty Alejandra Loiza, she says he left her for another girl when he discovered she was pregnant. Alejandra, a 20-year-old shop manageress, has called in Californian divorce king Marvin Mitchelson to represent her.

"We will want him to take blood tests," says Mitchelson.

News reached Jackson headquarters at the same time as "did-she-didn't-she" reports that 31-year-old LaToya had finally exchanged vows with Gordon, 22 years her senior.

At first, LaToya was denying that the ceremony had taken place at three in the morning in Reno, Nevada. Friends now say that the wedding went ahead. LaToya was just afraid of her father finding out.

Former casino worker Gordon has spent two years in jail for trying to bribe the Nevada State Gaming Commission. Before the ceremony, Jermaine summed up the family feeling: "He is not a good man and we are not happy he is with our sister."

LaToya sees it differently. She says that when she tried to break away from the family to live with her own life and run her own career, Joe told her: "You are the last one and I am not letting you go."

Gordon says Jackson senior tried to strangle him and kidnap LaToya. In fact, he and LaToya say they are going to file charges against her parents for attempted kidnap.

Gordon alleges that they hired four men, who tried to bundle LaToya into a car in New York. But these men fled after a battle with her bodyguards. She is now surrounded by six detectives round-the-clock to ward off any further attempt to capture her.

Gordon says: "She does not want to be part of that family."

The first-born Jackson, Rebbie, who is now 39, set the trend by eloping with a businessman to Kansas City. Later she returned to the Jackson home town of Gary, Indiana, and rarely goes to California.

Janet's marriage to singer, James DeBarge, also ran into opposition from the family. Said Joe: "He had some habits that weren't part of the Jackson family ethos." The union was also short-lived.

Marriage break-up has brought some Jackson back into, or close to, the fold. Jermaine moved his girlfriend, Margaret Maldonado, and their two-year-old son, Jeremy, back into the family home at Encino after his marriage to Hazel Berry ended.

## Novelist Cela made his name by use of a direct and colloquial style

THE GRAND old man of Spanish literature, novelist Camilo Jose Cela is an outspoken and irreverent observer of human life who made his name by his use of a direct and colloquial style.

"I don't believe in fashions, schools or trends, nor in the bureaucracy of literature," he once said. "I insist that I limited myself to reflecting the reality that I saw."

His novels paint a bleak but not unsympathetic picture of reality expressed in a familiar style close to everyday speech.

"The Family of Pascual Duarte," his first novel published in 1942, was hailed as a landmark in the barren years of Spain's literary production that followed the victory of right-wing dictator Francisco Franco in 1936-39 civil war.

It is the bluntly-told story of a Spanish peasant unable to suppress a killer's instinct instilled in him by a hostile environment. The novel's frankness attracted the attention of the Francoist censors and the book was at first banned.

His later work "The Beehive" (1951) unveils the seething misery of post-civil war Madrid where a swarm of ill-defined figures inter-relate in a world of cruelty and indifference.

Both of these novels have been translated into several languages and were also produced as films in Spain.

Born on May 11, 1916, in Padron, northwest Spain, the son of a Spanish father and Irish mother, Cela studied medicine, philosophy and law in Madrid and served with Franco's forces in the war.

A self-confessed adventurer, Cela tried his hand at a variety of occupations — bullfighter, civil servant, painter, actor — before finally dedicating himself to literature.

Despite his brushes with Franco's censorship Cela himself briefly worked as a censor supervising an orphan's school bulletin, a pharmaceutical journal and a religious magazine.

His works include several Spanish travelogues which stand apart from his novels through their freshness and humour.

Cela became a member of the Academy of the Spanish Language in 1957 and has been tipped for several years as a possible winner of the Nobel literature prize despite his own scepticism about literary awards.

Major literary prizes eluded him until 1984 when he won Spain's national literature prize for his latest work, the novel "Mazurka Para dos Muertos" (Mazurka for two dead men).

"San Camilo, 1936" (written in

1969), a novel set in the civil war, and "Mazurka," set in his native rural Galicia soon after the war, show some variations in style from his earlier writings but little change in their basic theme.

"Man is the common denominator," Cela says.

His view of life was not unrelentingly bleak and his novels convey a touch of tenderness for the poor and underprivileged, often depicting with sympathy those on the fringes of society such as prostitutes, the poor and fools.

He has always believed in the artist as iconoclast. "I think the writer should always be a great loner, a sniper," he once told a magazine interviewer.

But, writing always in longhand because he never learned to type, Cela is wary of over-analysis of literature.

"I once spent a minute and a half answering questions at a conference because I couldn't think what the hell to say when they asked me what I had meant when I wrote such and such," he said.



# SPOK's night to remember



Punk



Formal



Casual attire

By Ruffey E. Sanchez

UNQUESTIONABLY, the Samahan ng Pilipinong Optometrist sa Kuwait (SPOK) made a classy comeback with the booming success of "An evening with SPOK, A Touch of Class" last Friday, at the Al-Jahra Ballroom of the Meridien Hotel.

It was a social event which allured many curious spectators and was rated as "good", despite some flaws, by critics and viewers.

SPOK, that evening, shone like a constellation of stars and sparked with elegance.

In her welcoming speech, Dr Rosario "Chi Chi" Luna, expounded the role of optometrists in the community, regarding the optical services they offer.

Following her, the guest of honour, Consul General, Olivia

Palala, mentioned the embassy's continuous support to the association and praised all the Filipino organisations for their contributions to the general welfare of the Filipino workers in Kuwait.

The fashion show included a line up of fashionable clothes aptly made for different occasions, namely: punk, sports, summer, modern, disco, casual and formal. The clothes were all matched with signature shades of international fashion czars.

With charming male models and gorgeous dames, SPOK thrilled viewers with its fashion galore. A Touch of Class radiated with the creative concept of stage design by Messrs Danny Pangan, Rolly Paulate, Henry Bunyi and Andy Reyes.

Tyrone Oneza, the Martin Nievera look-a-like, was highly

appreciated together with his peers: Dennis Lagdameo, Andy Benito, Hermie Enaje and Edward de Manila. All the optometrists appeared as if they were professionals, however the emcees neither mentioned their names, nor described the outfits.

The costume designer, Dennis Fernandez, revealed fine and expensive taste, respective to style, colours and material. His emphasis on monochromatic black and white enhanced the show's image — A Touch of Class.

Dr Rosale Austria danced to the choreography of Peter Cruz and Jun Santos. The dancing was similar to Irene Cara of the famed "Flashdance" and it drew a wild applause from the audience.

SPOK would like to thank all the sponsors for sharing their



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much-sought assistance in the success of the show, Florence de Los Santos of Mabuhay Restaurant, Al Nakib Optics, Al Rashed Freight, Engineering Equipment Inc., City International Exchange Co., Bobby Madayag of Bobby's Gift Shop, Rory Aurellano of Kabayan

Restaurant, Sherin Optics, Jun Mercado of United Fisheries of Kuwait, Magnolia, Far East Restaurant, Sonec de los Reyes, Edward de Manila and Yunis Ibrahim Ameen of Golden Tower Salon and Don Jayantha Kannangara of Trico International.

## BBC world service highlights

### Principia Scriptoriae

Richard Nelson's powerful and at times distressing play in two parts is the story of two men at two very different phases of their lives. Bill (Anton Lesser) and Ernesto (Sean Baker) are young writers languishing in a South American prison. It is 1970 and they have been interned by the military dictatorship running the country for distributing radical literature. Fifteen years later Bill returns to Ernesto's homeland where a Marxist government rules in place of the dictatorship and finds that artistic compromises still have to be made.

Sunday, October 22, 15:01 and 22:01.  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m

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### The Book People

Matthew Evans, chairman of Faber and Faber, one of Britain's leading literary publishers talks to Christopher Cook in the first of a new series of nine programmes devoted to the commissioning, publishing and selling of books.

Sunday, October 22, 05:15;  
Monday, October 23, 17:45 and  
Thursday, October 26, 11:15  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m  
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### Chinese Lives

A sound picture of life in China since its liberation forty years ago is created by a mixture of dramatised interviews and archive material. Journalist Sange Ye and writer Zhang Xinxin toured China in 1984 with the aim of forming a picture of the descendants of the age-old remains of Peking Man. They spoke to the country's ordinary men and women: the old and the young, the rich and the poor who all have their stories to tell of the upheavals of modern China.

Saturday, October 21, 22:01 and  
Monday, October 23, 18:15  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m  
15.07 MH3/19.91m

11.76 MH3/25.51m

### Back to Square One

Phrases such as "know your onions" litter the English language. In this game about words and sayings team captains Pam Ayres and Leslie Thomas are joined by guest panelists Jeremy Hardy and Maggie Fox who attempt to define unusual words and phrases put to them by chairman Chris Serle.

Sunday, October 22, 06:30 and  
Monday, October 23, 20:15 and  
Wednesday, October 25, 11:30  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m  
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## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon, October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

#### Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

### SOCIAL

#### Navellim Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

#### Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nice to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

#### British Council

Woody Woodpecker and His Friends: Wednesday, Oct

18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 19 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buzz Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

#### IAC Reception

THE Indian Arts Circle will host a reception to welcome the new Indian Ambassador, Arun Budhiraja and his wife on Oct 21 at 7.30 pm. All IAC members are requested to contact the manager for invitation cards.

#### Kuwait Kamada Koota

NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/371-4089.

#### Konkani drama

NOV 2, 3: THE NEW GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zailim Sopanam" at the IAC (Fountain). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. Tickets now available. Contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Clock (near GPO).

#### Harvest festival

THE National Evangelical Church in Kuwait is organising the 4th International Harvest Festival to take place at the church compound on Thursday, November 2nd from 1-5 pm. The compound is located at the corner of Hilali and Arabian Gulf Streets (opposite the National Assembly Building).

Come early, 1 pm opening, and choose your lunch from an international selection of home cooking. You may buy your Christmas gifts from a variety of stalls, try your skill at various games, browse through the Second Hand Book table, and when you are hungry again there will be a Hot Dog Stall, or if you have a sweet tooth, try ten (or coffee) and cake.

The proceeds go to charities all over the world. Do your bit to feed the hungry and heal the sick.

#### Flassik's Halloween

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flassik) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridien Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flassik friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flassik enjoins the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait.

The proceeds of Halloween night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flassik which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here. Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flassik friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson look-alike in the best-selling movie — "Thriller". Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flassik Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flassik supporters. Tickets are available at KD 5 in various outlets: Bobby's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Good Hand Restaurant and Durrani International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flassik Pro Rose Formantes, Vesp Chary Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo Tel. 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RC Ruiz, Tel. 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel. 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dango Tel. 5312700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel. 4572549.

#### British Council

Storytelling session: Oct 26. The British Council will hold a story-telling session on Thursday at 10.30 am. Children of all nationalities, aged 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the magic of books.

The Education Information Office will be open on Oct 21 and 22 will give detailed information about training in Britain in hotel and catering, hair-dressing, secretarial studies, beauty therapy and other courses.

#### Narathana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narathana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

#### Breeze 89

Trivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Ladies International League THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open

yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL. Attend the informal and fun monthly meetings and join in the social events and activities.

Upcoming events: Newcomers meeting: October 30 1989 Surra. For further information please phone Neera, 3914503 or Dianne, 5335598.

Bazaar: November 2 1989 (Kuwait International Hotel) Safat Room.

1st 'Big' meeting: November 6, 1989 (Kuwait Regency Palace) Al-Bida' Room.

Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL. Ladies International League Bazaar: to be held Thursday, Nov 2 at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room, from 10 am to 6 pm. Come and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Also, tents and Al Assaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) will be there. Raffle and door prizes.

People's Trust Club DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novel prizes and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

Palestinian exhibition The General Union of Palestinian Women will be holding its 13th General Palestinian Folklore Exhibition at the Special Fairgrounds in Mishref. The exhibition will be on Tuesday Oct 24, 6-9 pm, Wednesday and Thursday (25 and 26) at 10-1 and 4-30-6:30 and Friday 27 at 10 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 8 pm.

Magic show NOV 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Maroo will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details. Bengali dance drama The Bengali musical play

## CINEMA TODAY

#### An Andalus

Arabic film

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING PERIOD

9.30 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
9.55 Around The World: cartoon serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.30 Al Ghaba: daily Arabic serial (Part 4)  
12.00 Min Matbakh: local programme.

#### EVENING PERIOD

4.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repeat)  
4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: cartoon serial (part 22)  
5.15 Al Fanan Al Sagheer: children's programme  
6.15 Al Tareeq Ila Al Qods: historical serial, starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Yousif Shaban, Tawfeeq Al Daen.  
7.15 Noor Al Islam: religious programme  
7.35 Cultural Programme  
8.00 Security and Citizens: local programme  
8.30 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Al Mukafa: Arabic serial, starring Talaat Hamdi, Tayseer Al Sadi and Najah Hafeeth.  
10.30 Nas Min Zoja: Arabic serial (part 1), starring Ibrahim Harbi, Abdul Imam, Abdullah, Ahlam Mohammed, Maryam Al Ghadban.



The Story-Teller

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 Hello Kitty. A cartoon series.  
6.30 The Story-Teller "True Bride". A young girl is badly treated by a wicked swine until she is saved by a bewitched lion.  
7.00 A Day in the Life "The Otter". A look at others known as water jacks, skilled swimmers and hunters. Their friends and enemies.  
7.30 Out of This World. Evie manipulates her magical power to keep her uncle away in an attempt to attend a

party with her boyfriend.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Diamonds. "All Best Off"  
9.30 Portrait of The Soviet Union "The End of The Earth". The "village of the dead" in Caucasus where different nationalities live.  
10.30 Late night film: "Lady Mobster". Starring: Susan Louci, Michael Nader. A gang boss is killed as a result of dispute between his gang's members. His daughter "Flora" vows to find the killer and avenge for her father.  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

"Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact: Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

### SPORTS

Indoor games THE Bangladesh Associa-

tion will hold an indoor games competition in the embassy's premises for chess, bridge, table tennis and carom (ladies and gents separately) from November 9 to 24, '89. Interested participants are requested to contact for registration on or before October 31, '89 with any of the following persons: Zaki 4741876, Yusuf 4314193, Quamrul 3922257, Mahbub 4744490, Mahmud Hassan Babu 4742456 and Ashrafur Rahman Rubel.

Filchek logo THE Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait "Filchek" announces the start of the search for its club logo. The contest is open to all club members and

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## Liverpool set to meet old friend

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): English First Division soccer leaders Liverpool will face one of the few men who has proved that there is life after Anfield, when they travel to Southampton tomorrow.

Midfielder Jimmy Case left Liverpool in 1981 after a seven-year career during which the Anfield team won the European Cup three times.

After a spell at Second Division side Brighton, Case joined Southampton in 1985 and remains a key member of the side at the age of 35.

Eight-years after going south the Liverpoolian still gets a thrill out of playing against his old club.

"It's a thrill because you know you're playing against the best," Case explained. "It's not as if there's any bitterness or anything to prove because I'm still good friends with a lot of the staff there."

Case admits that most players find life hard after leaving Liverpool, and he believes that he may have found it easier to adjust because of the position he plays.

"Once you get into the (Liverpool) team it's easy to play because the players around you are so good. When you go somewhere else you can try a few things and they won't come off — but at Liverpool they probably would."

"I'm lucky because basically I'm ball winner and my job's the same whatever club I'm at. It's harder for, say, a striker like Paul Walsh, because he can be getting into the same positions and then find the ball isn't there."

Walsh had no problems finding the ball for Tottenham on Wednesday, when he struck to help set up a 2-1 victory over champions Arsenal.

Tottenham, lifted into the top eight for the first time this season, now face a comfortable-looking home game with bottom club Sheffield Wednesday.

Arsenal, denied the chance of going top for the first time since last season's League championship triumph, travel north for a tough clash with Everton, who just one point behind the Londoners.

Third-placed Norwich, the only unbeaten side other than Liverpool, visit Luton, while expensive Manchester United, still struggling on the four from the bottom go to Coventry.

Results  
English Division One  
Tottenham 2 Arsenal 1  
Division Two  
Bradford 1 Ipswich 0  
Middlesbrough 2 Brighton 2  
Newcastle 2 Blackburn 1  
West Ham 5 Sunderland 0

English Division Four  
Hartford 3 Scarborough 0  
Maidstone 2 Lincoln 0

## Napoli held to goalless draw Milan stun Real 2-0



Kalatzis (left) of Panathinaikos Athens and Lupescu of Dinamo Bucharest dance for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)



PSG's Zlatko Vujovic (right) tries to keep Juventus' Dario Bonetti away from the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): AC Milan maestro Marco van Basten returned to haunt Real Madrid on Wednesday, teasing and tormenting the Spaniards who came in search of European Cup vengeance but were once again vanquished.

Any hopes Real had that six weeks out following cartilage surgery had deadened Van Basten's pace and power around goal were quickly shattered as the brilliant striker set up the holder's 2-0 win in the opening 15 minutes.

For Van Basten, who ran riot when Milan crushed Real 5-0 at home in the semifinals last April, stole the show as Milan sparked on a misty night in the San Siro.

Former winners Benfica of Portugal made virtually certain of their place in the last eight with a 2-0 win over Honved Budapest in Hungary while multi-million dollar French side Marseille dismissed Greek visitors Aek Athens by the same score.

Steaua Bucharest, 1986 winners, beat 1988 champions PSV Eindhoven 1-0 in Romania to set up what should be an enthralling tussle in the return leg in two weeks time.

Cup Winners' Cup holders Barcelona crashed 2-0 in Belgium against Anderlecht while UEFA Cup winners Napoli of Italy were held to a surprising 0-0 draw in Switzerland by Wettingen.

But it was Van Basten who

dominated the clash of the night between the champions of Italy and Spain.

His searing run down the right set up the first goal after only eight minutes, the European Footballer of the Year lighting a superb cross for fellow Dutchman Frank Rijkaard to meet unmarked and head home from close range.

Five minutes later Van Basten, who only returned to action less than two weeks ago, found the net from the penalty spot after Real goalkeeper Francisco Buyo backed him down on the edge of the box.

Within minutes Van Basten and winger Marco Simoni were threatening again and Real looked ready to capitulate for the second time in six months. But this time the Spaniards managed to stop the rot to keep alive their hopes of reaching the last eight.

### Results

European Cup  
Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 1 PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 0 (half time 1-0); Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union) 2 Swarovski Tirol (Austria) 0 (1-0); Honved Budapest (Hungary) 0 Benfica (Portugal) 2 (0-1) Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) 2 Celta Sofia (Bulgaria) 2 (0-1); Malmö (Sweden) 0 Mechelen (Belgium) 0 Bayern Munich (West Germany) 3 Neptori Tirana (Albania) 1 (2-1) AC Milan (Italy) 2 Real Madrid (Spain) 0 (2-0) Marseille (France) 2 Aek Athens (Greece) 0 (0-0).

UEFA Cup  
Rangers (Scotland) 1 (0-0) Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 4 Zalgiris Vilnius (Soviet Union) 1 (3-0) Zenit Leningrad (Soviet Union) 0 VfB Stuttgart (West Germany) 1 (0-0) Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 3 Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 0 (1-0) Fiorentina (Italy) 0 Sochaux (France) 0 Real Zaragoza (Spain) 1 Hamburg (West Germany) 0 (0-0) Paris St Germain (France) 0 Juventus (Italy) 1 (0-0) Hibernian (Scotland) 0 FC Liege (Belgium) 0 Werder Bremen (West Germany) 1 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2 (1-0) Wettingen (Switzerland) 0 Napoli (Italy) 0 Cologne (West Germany) 3 Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 1 (2-1) Porto (Portugal) 3 Valencia (Spain) 1 (1-0).

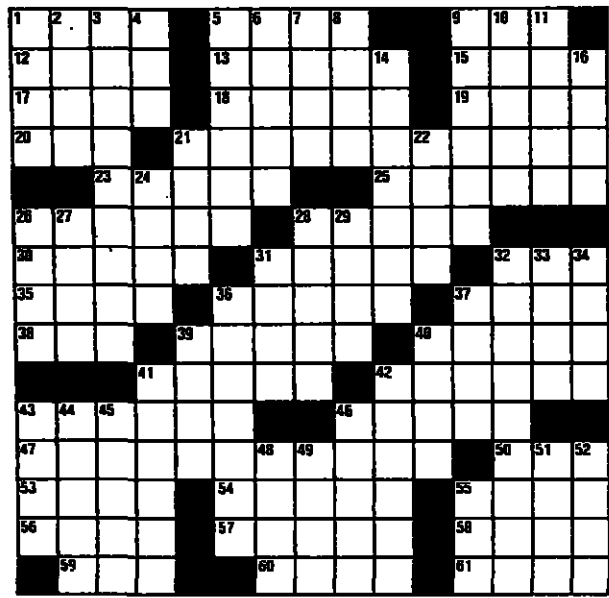


Aek Athens' Hatzis (right) kicks the ball away as Marseille's Franck Sauzee tries to head the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)



FC Koeln's Frank Ordenewitz (2nd right) and Spartak Moscow's Wassili Kulkow (2nd left) fight for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- "O!" and "Men"
  - Room, at the hacienda
  - Truck compartment
  - Smell
  - Confuse
  - Singer Guthrie
  - "— night with the world"
  - Lasso
  - Eskimo's vehicle
  - New Prefix
  - Hawaiian landmark
  - Makes a try
  - Peaks
  - Dwell
  - Staff of life
  - 300t locale
  - Bedside item
  - Shriver of tennis
  - Idler
  - Lets fall
  - Bundle
  - Skirt feature
  - Exhausts
  - Painful areas
  - Exists
  - Part of USA
  - One of the Trumps
  - Squirrel away
  - Parisian landmark
  - Road curve
  - Give out
  - Academy Award
  - Chip in
  - Father
  - Analyze grammatically
  - Crowd clamor
  - Danson of "Cheers"
  - Crowd shouts
- DOWN
- Lament
  - Run in neutral
  - Roman landmark
  - Hesitant sounds
  - Recorder
  - Pseudonym of a sort
  - Soil of a type
  - Mobile beginning
  - Liquidated, with "in"
  - City on the Rhone
  - Ewe's comment
  - Hoofers
  - Betting considerations
  - Word from baby
  - Unit of weight
  - High-pitched sound
  - Hasty
  - A Gardner
  - Ink spots
  - Seance sounds
  - "Rule Britannia" composer
  - Athenian landmark
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  - Come to light
  - Feather scarves
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  - Movie great
  - Elevated
  - Cubic meters
  - Spelling contests
  - Curtail
  - Burning
  - Water sound
  - Peter or Paul
  - Pod vegetable
  - Laurel
  - Evening, in Milan
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ 7 ♥ 954 ♦ AJ10652 ♣ 876  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Dbl ?  
What action do you take?
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ A1093 ♥ J2 ♦ K65 ♣ AK73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
What action do you take?
- Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ 4 ♥ KJ102 ♦ AQ10 ♣ AQ1093  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 2 ♥  
Pass ?  
What action do you take?
- Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ AKQ ♥ AQ10962 ♦ 6 ♣ K94  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass  
What do you bid now?
- Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ 5 ♥ 8763 ♦ AKJ92 ♣ J53  
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?
- Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ Q76 ♥ J103 ♦ 752 ♣ KQ107  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 NT Pass ?  
What action do you take?



"Go and open the front door while your mother's cooking. I don't want the fire department breaking it down with an ax."

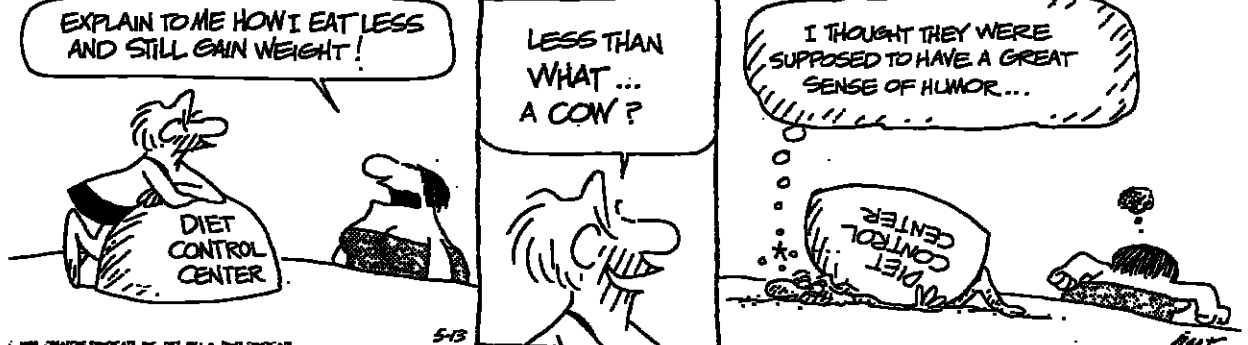
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will find it easier to forgive but not so easy to forget. Better correct as you go along rather than having to go back all the way. Try not to get into a muddle. Be generous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will feel rather reluctant to get down to things. However a little will power will enable you to overcome the tendency. There is room for a little more optimism. Be patient.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

Do not allow your animosities to get the better of you. Do not rely on guesswork and make sure your facts are up to date. Show just a little more goodwill towards others. Be loyal.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You should not take too much for granted and you should rely more on yourself. Do not use glasses if you do not have to, but do not strain your eyes. You have good reason for a little more optimism but none for complacency. Be truthful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are all too liable to jump to conclusions, try not to. You will have to do something about an outstanding debt. Your lucky numbers are 16 and 34. You should have a bit more faith in yourself. Be objective.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You are more liable to catch cold and should try to avoid exposing yourself to infection. Leave yourself with enough time to arrive punctually. Dress suitably for the occasion. Be hopeful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

What slow need not be sure it is certainly better than faster than you are capable. You are liable to be deceived so do not accept all you are told. Use just a little common-sense. Be concerned.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Do not think that electronics can take the place of shrewdness and judgement. A decision you have made might not be right, but there is still time to amend it. Avoid concerning yourself with irrelevancies. Be sincere.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Something that you have not understood previously will now become clear to you. You are more liable to make mistakes so watch out for them. Make sure you do not strain yourself. Be preceptive.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will get on better with a person you do not like but have to deal with. Think twice before going to the expense of replacing, repair may be possible and cheaper. You should stick to safe limits. Be reliable.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to come to the right conclusion. You will have some good luck but rather by way of what could have happened not happening. Avoid thinking that others are all stupid, everyone is only stupid some of the time.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be pleased with the result of one of your actions. Do not attempt to save money by not keeping a promise. If you have to smoke at all try cutting down. Be moderate.



SPORTS

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SPORTS BRIEFS

ME rugby

BAHRAIN, Oct 20, (Reuters): Results of the Middle East XV's Rugby Union tournament today: Quarterfinals: Kuwait 13 Doha 3, Muscat 9 Jubail 0, Dubai 4 Bahrain 2nd 0, Riyadh 6, Bahrain 0. Semifinals: Kuwait 3 Muscat 0, Dubai 3, Riyadh 0. Final: Kuwait 3 Dubai 0 (after extra time). Plate competition, semifinals: Jeddah 0 Kuwait 2nd 3, Al-Khobar 6 Abu Dhabi 0. Final: Al-Khobar 0 Kuwait 2nd 0.

\$2m prize

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): A record £1.25 million (\$2 million) is being put up for the winner of the Grand Slam Cup tennis event to be contested for the first time next year. The committee of the four Grand Slam championships — the Australian, French and US Opens and Wimbledon — yesterday announced details of the new tournament which will carry total prize money of £3.75 million (\$6 million).

Gould fined

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): Wimbledon manager Bobby Gould was fined £750 (\$1,200) by the English Football Association disciplinary committee yesterday after being found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute.

Claesen recalled

BRUSSELS, Oct 20, (Reuters): Belgium coach Walter Meeuwis, whose team need one more point to reach next year's World Cup soccer finals, has recalled striker Nico Claesen in a 17-man squad for their last qualifying match here next Wednesday against Luxembourg.

League comeback

LONDON, Oct 20, (Reuters): Justin Fashanu, one of the first one million pounds sterling players in British soccer, is set to make an English League comeback with Manchester City three years after retiring from the game with a knee injury.

World record

PARIS, Oct 20, (Reuters): Triple world cycling champion Jeannie Longo smashed the women's 10-km indoor world record by more than 18 seconds yesterday in a sentimental last ride of her career in France.

Jones ahead

TOKYO, Oct 20, (Reuters): Australian Brian Jones narrowly clung onto his lead in the 100 million yen (\$714,000) Bridgestone Open golf tournament in Chiba with a second-round 71 in the face of strong winds today.

Dope test

LONDON, Oct 20, (AP): Sean Yates, winner of this year's tour of Belgium, has had a positive dope test for steroids overturned, British press reports said today.

Nebiolo re-elected

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct 20, (AP): The Association of Summer Olympic Federations on Wednesday re-elected as president Italian Primo Nebiolo, who was ousted from the Italian Track Federation after a series of scandals.

Brazilian GP

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 20, (Reuters): Local officials hope that the Brazilian Formula One Grand Prix can be kept in Rio de Janeiro but the venue has not yet been confirmed, a spokeswoman for the Brazilian Motor Racing Confederation (CBA) said yesterday.

Simpson leads

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Oct 20, (Reuters): Tim Simpson shot a five-under-par 67 yesterday to grab the lead of the \$800,000 Walt Disney World Golf Classic as first-round leader Bob Tway's game fell apart.

Game moved

NEW YORK, Oct 20, (Reuters): The San Francisco 49ers-New England Patriots game scheduled for Sunday at Candlestick Park will be played at Stanford University Stadium because of the massive earthquake that hit the Bay area, the National Football League (NFL) announced yesterday.

Firm favourite

LAUREL, Maryland, Oct 20, (Reuters): American horse Yankee Affair has been installed as firm favourite at 7-5 for the Washington DC International on Sunday in the absence of a strong foreign challenge.

McKinney hurt

PARK CITY, Oct 20, (Reuters): Top US women's skier Tamara McKinney broke her leg during training and will miss the entire 1989-90 season, the US ski team announced yesterday.

W. German forward

BOLOGNA, Italy, Oct 20, (Reuters): West German forward Herbert Was joined Italian First Division side Bologna yesterday on a year's loan from Bayer Leverkusen.



George Koshy (3rd) wins the 100 metres.



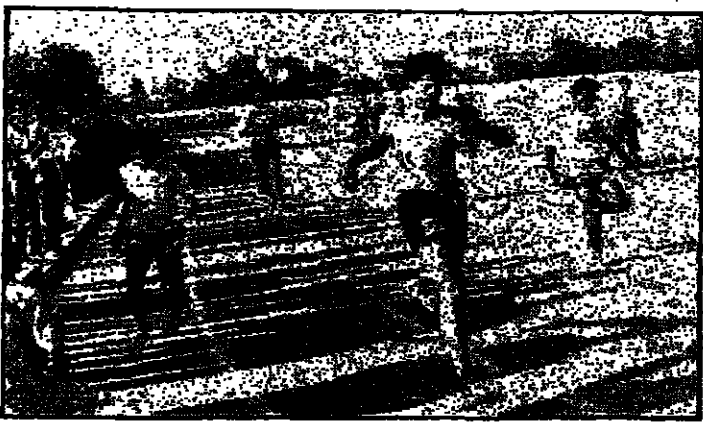
Mohammed Ibrahim winning one of his races.



One of the juniors crosses the finish line.

# Indian School holds annual athletic meet

## Seva House and Shanti House take top spots



Amir Modai wins the 200 metres.

SEVA HOUSE won the house championship for boys while Shanti House emerged on top among the girls in the 19th Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet of the Indian School (Salmiya), on Thursday.

In the Senior A section, Mohammed Ibrahim took the overall individual title among the boys while Meena Dhesy and Rekha Ramakrishnan shared the honours in the girls group.

The Senior B section saw Harpal Singh clinch the top place while Shama Mohammed showed her prowess in the girls section by taking the top honours.

Inter A had Fakhrudin Ali Hussain emerging as the best among the boys and Anila Cherman dominating among the girls.

Vikram Khanna toiled hard to finish on top among the Inter B boys and Anjali Mahendra proved that she was the best in her group by running away with the first prize.

Reena Ann Koshy was also at her best and dominated the Junior A section for girls. In the Junior B section, Deepak Melwani took the boys title while Natalie D'Costa prevailed over the girls.

The events held on Thursday included the 100-metres races for the 7-9, 10-11 and 16-17 years age groups. These races were only for the boys.

In the over-18 200 metres, both the girls and boys competed while in the 400 metres, 13-15, 16-17 year-old boys and over-18 girls took part.

Shama Mohammed took first place in both the girls events. The other events held on Thursday included the sack race, 4 x 100 relay races, obstacle races, 4 x 400 relay race, the 100 metres open, the 50 metres open, 1,500 metres, 800 metres and the tug of war.

The meeting had earlier on started with miss G. Padma, school captain giving the welcome speech. This was followed by the march past and the oath taking ceremony. Ansari, secretary of the Indian School Board declared the meet open.

The athletic events were preceded by various display items like the Blooming Buds, Scholars in Action, Twinkling Beauties and Yoga. The various races held drew an enthusiastic response from the students.

The tug of war generated a great deal of spirit and was indeed a test of strength and power. The function was well attended. Members of the school board, including the director Newton, principals and heads of sister schools and branch schools and a large number of parents were present. A vote of thanks was proposed by the vice-principal P.K. Thomas.

(Photos by Ahmed Barouni)



Shama Mohammed (centre) with other winners.



Shama receives one of her prizes.

# Witherspoon knocks out Eklund

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Oct 20, (UPI): Former heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon "knocked out" Sweden's Andreas Eklund with one punch at 1:11 of the first round of last night's 10-round bout.

Witherspoon landed a well-timed overhand right to the head that put Eklund flat on his back. The Swede did not get up until more than five minutes later.

Eklund, at 6-foot-6 (1.98-m) dwarfed the 6-3 (1.90m) Witherspoon, but never landed a solid shot as Witherspoon opened by digging to the body. When Eklund lowered his guard, Witherspoon went to the head — ending the bout early.

Witherspoon, 31, improved to 30-0 with 20 knockouts while



Witherspoon lands a left to Eklund's chin. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Korobchinsky wins world title

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct 20, (Reuters): The perfect execution of a rarely seen and difficult vault helped Igor Korobchinsky of the Soviet Union to win the individual all-around title at the World Gymnastics Championships yesterday.

Overshadowing his compatriots, the European champion collected a 10 for his spectacular vault — a forward handspring followed by a double somersault — to seize the lead halfway through the men's competition.

Valentin Mogilyov took the silver after scoring 10 with a tricky pommel horse routine but Chinese newcomer Li Jing surprisingly prevented a Soviet medals sweep by pushing Olympic champion Vladimir Artemov out of third place in the final rotation.

Artemov, who had dropped to a disappointing fifth by the time the last competitors had finished, started badly with a 9.60 after stumbling in the floor routine and finished the evening by falling from the horizontal bar to earn only 9.35 marks.

Li, appearing at his first world championships, seized the opportunity to snatch the bronze, — China's third medal — with a 9.70 on the floor.

Korobchinsky, highest scorer in the team event where he helped the Soviet Union to defend their title, drew gasps of admiration from the crowd at Stuttgart's Schleyerhall with his vault which earned only the third perfect score awarded to a man here. He took to the floor, his final apparatus, knowing

he needed at least 9.80 to keep first place. Icy calm as ever, he sailed through his routine in style and collected 9.90.

The world title has left Soviet hands only twice since 1954 and with 1987 champion Dmitri Bilozhech drooped from the team after failing to toe the disciplinary line, the contest was open between Korobchinsky and his two team-mates.

But Artemov, a world bronze medalist in Rotterdam two-years-ago, failed to live up to his performance in the Seoul Olympics and though Mogilyov added two marks of 9.90 to his pommel horse 10 he was unable to match Korobchinsky for consistency.

East German hopes of a medal evaporated when their two most experienced men, Sylvio Kroll and Sven Tippelt, team silver medalists here, came to grief in the final rotation.

Kroll, who will defend his vault title at the weekend, toppled from the horizontal bar and Tippelt collected a penalty on the floor for overstepping the competition area.

But compatriot Andreas Wecker gained a respectable share of fourth place with Japan's Yukio Iketani, who won two bronze medals in Seoul.

Soviet coach Leonid Arkhev admitted he had been disappointed by Artemov's performance. "It's a pity Artemov made a mistake — it wasn't expected. But the fight is getting tougher and tougher all the time and the price of a medal gets higher."

# Kasparov to play machine

NEW YORK, Oct 20, (Reuters): Two chess champions meet in New York on Sunday, one a man and the other a machine. Bet on the man.

The experts say that the machine, a computer named "Deep Thought," will probably not beat the man, world chess champion Gary Kasparov.

But "Deep Thought" has a lot going for it. It is the world computer chess champion.

It can envision all possible moves in fractions of a second and is not subject to such human emotions as nervousness, fear or anger.

"Deep Thought" is human opponent, Kasparov, also has a lot going for him. He is the world's greatest chess player and a former world champion Mikhail Tal says, he has imagination.

"Chess takes imagination, the computer doesn't have imagination," Tal says, ignoring an obvious question — do you need imagination if you know all the moves that can be made?

"Deep Thought" incorporates a searching algorithm that lets it probe more deeply along promising tracks of possible chess moves than any other computer ever programmed.

# Feelings mixed about continuing Bay Series

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 20, (Reuters): Players on both sides of the "Battle of the Bay" World Series were ambivalent about continuing the Major League baseball championship in the aftermath of Tuesday's killer earthquake.

"I think a few of the players could just as soon take it or leave it. The hype of the World Series and all the other things that go along with it really mean nothing at this point," said Tony Phillips, centerfielder of the San Francisco Giants said yesterday.

"It puts a big damper on it because it's not important. At this point baseball's not important to me," said Tony Phillips, the versatile infielder of the American League champion Oakland Athletics.

Both teams held practices at their respective parks yesterday, two days after the earthquake which claimed at least 273 lives and caused more than \$3 billion in property damage, rumbled through Candlestick Park half an hour before the start of game 3 of the series.

Baseball officials hope to have approval from the cities to resume the series next Tuesday at Candlestick. The A's lead the best-of-seven series 2-0.

Feelings in the community appeared to be mixed regarding a resumption of competition.

Some argued that all resources and energies should be channelled into recovery. Others said seeing the World Series cancelled would further deflate spirits in the besieged community.

"You talk to some of the people out there and they think seeing a game would really spark the

community," said Oakland catcher Terry Steinbach. Giants outfielder Pat Sheridan said baseball was a secondary concern at this time. Everybody here on the field from the players on up to the owner are more concerned with how the community is doing.

San Francisco's mayor, Art Agnos, was asked about the World Series at a city hall press conference yesterday.

"I really haven't thought about baseball in the last 48 hours," Agnos said.

Pressed again about his feelings about getting the game played in San Francisco next week, Agnos snapped back: "I don't give a damn about baseball. I'm not thinking about it."

The Giants played an intrasquad game at Candlestick while Jack Hammers clattered away in right centrefield to repair cracks in the concrete caused by the quake.

Sheridan said his wife, three-month-old daughter and in-laws had returned home to Detroit "in case something happens like this again."

Butler said some of the players were worried that with some 60,000 people in the stands stomping and cheering, Candlestick might not be safe.

But the 32-year-old Butler, who resides in Duluth, Georgia, said that if officials decide it is safe "to allow people back in the ballpark, then my family will be there."

The players, after all, were resigned to continue if that was the decision.

# Edberg reaches semifinals

TOKYO, Oct 20, (Reuters): Top seed Stefan Edberg, seeking his second singles title this year, marched into the semifinals of the Tokyo Grand Prix tennis tournament today with a straight sets victory.

World number three Edberg defeated French Davis Cup player Henri Leconte 6-1 7-6 in the quarterfinals.

Edberg took only 27 minutes to win the first set but needed 55 minutes and a tiebreak — which he won 9-7 — to clinch the second set.

"I really concentrated today," Edberg said. "That was the key to my win."

Earlier fourth-seeded American Aaron Krickstein, ranked 10th in the world, easily defeated Canadian Grant Connell 6-3 6-4. He will play Edberg in tomorrow's semifinals.

Krickstein, who won last month's Los Angeles Grand Prix by beating French Open champion Michael Chang, has defeated Edberg in their only two previous encounters, both at the US Open.

"I feel my chances are better here because I think this surface benefits me," Edberg, the 1988 Wimbledon champion, said.

Unseeded Darren Cahill restored some Australian pride by beating Ronald Agener of Haiti 3-6 7-6 6-4 to win a semifinal berth. Four Australians crashed out of the six-day tournament in the first and second rounds.

West German Davis Cup player Carl-Uwe Steeb, seeded fifth, took the other semifinal place after beating American Rick Leach 6-4 7-5.

# Borg suing magazine

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct 20, (AP): Bjorn Borg will sue a Swedish magazine that published allegations by his ex-girlfriend that the retired tennis superstar used cocaine several times during their relationship, Borg's lawyer said Wednesday.

"The accusations are not true and Borg denies that he has ever used cocaine," Martin Sarman, an assistant to Borg's lawyer Henning Sjostrom, told Swedish news agency TT.

"We haven't decided the amount, but we are talking about several million kronor (more than \$300,000)."

Jannike Bjorling, Borg's former girlfriend, claimed in the interview with the Swedish monthly "Z" that Borg's "cocaine abuse ... killed our romance and made me so depressed that I once tried to commit suicide."

Jorgen Widsell, publisher of "Z," told TT that he was convinced that Bjorling told the truth.

# Lendl heads strong field

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct 20, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl was named top seed yesterday for the European Community Championship, one of the world's richest tennis tournaments, which begins next Monday.

Lured by the \$1.05 million purse and \$1 million diamond-studded racket on offer to anyone who wins three times in five years, Lendl heads an extremely strong field. All eight seeds are ranked among the top 12 players in the world.

Lendl won the racket in 1985 after his third triumph but was back the very next year after learning the organisers had manufactured a similar trophy.

Another regular visitor to Antwerp is title holder John McEnroe, seeded second and the only other winner of the tournament to date.

# Senna dominates opening GP practice



Senna comes into the pit lane after smashing the qualifying record. (Reuters wirephoto)

SUZUKA, Japan, Oct 20, (Reuters): Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna showed he will not give up his title without a fight today when he dominated the opening day's practice and qualifying for Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, quickest in the morning's free session, claimed provisional pole in the afternoon by smashing the qualifying record for the twisting, figure-eight circuit in his Honda-powered McLaren.

Having set the pace throughout the session, he clocked a fastest time of one minute 39.493 seconds in the final minutes of practice to grab the primespot on the grid.

Senna will share the front row with Briton Nigel Mansell, who marked his return to action after a one-race ban in Spain, by clocking 1:40.608 in his Ferrari.

Senna's rival and team mate Alain Prost of France, who will clinch the title for a third time on Sunday if Senna fails to win, was third quickest with 1:40.875 ahead of Austrian Gerhard Berger in the second Ferrari.

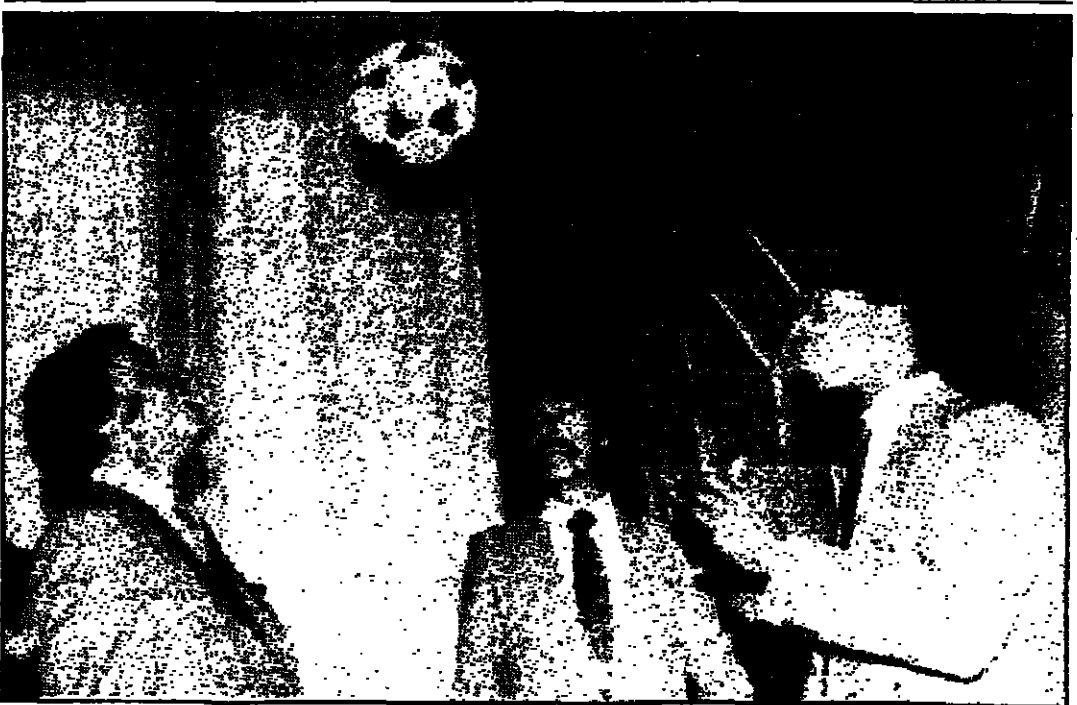
Italians Alessandro Nannini, in a Benetton, and Riccardo Patrese, in a Williams, were fifth and sixth quickest in a session held in unexpectedly dry conditions and warm sunshine after yesterday's heavy rain.

Senna's time and his consistency throughout the day confirmed his calm and determined mood and, following his dominance at the Spanish Grand Prix three weeks ago, suggested he may yet keep the championship alive to the final race in Adelaide on November 5.

"I missed second gear coming out of the hairpin on my best lap. Without that problem, I think I could have managed 1:39 dead," said Senna afterwards.

"I also blistered my right front tyres midway round the lap and understeered over a kerb on the return leg of the track."

Mansell was delighted to be within 1.3 seconds of Senna's time because, as he pointed out, the McLaren team had enjoyed three day's testing here last week.



Former Brazilian star

Argentine President Carlos Menem (left) tosses a soccer ball with former Brazilian soccer star Pele (right) in Menem's office on Thursday. Pele is in Argentina to work on a commercial promotion. (Reuters wirephoto)



